

| COUNTRY | | Greece | | | | | | |
|--------------------------------------|-----------------------------------|---------------|------------|----------------|-------------------------|----------------|-----------------------------|------------------|
| Number of programs since 1998 | | 6 | | | | | | |
| Number of mechanisms, 2008 | | 1 | | | | | | |
| Program or mechanism? | | program | program | program | program | program | program | mechanism |
| Program name | | White Card | Green Card | temporary card | Art 91, par.10 | Art 91, par.11 | Art 18, para 4 | Art 44, par 2 |
| Date of legislation | | 1997 | 1997 | 2001 | 2005 | 2005 | 2007 | 2005 |
| Duration of program (months) | | 5 | 10 | 3 | 9 | 7 | 7 | ongoing |
| Number of applicants [000s] | | 371.60 | 228.20 | 350 (est) | | 96.40 | n/a | |
| Number regularised [000s] | | | 219.00 | | 90.0 (est) | 95.80 | 20.00 | 7.10 |
| Legal basis | | | | | | | | |
| | Specific law | | | | | | ✓ | |
| | Within immigration law | | | ✓ | ✓ | ✓ | | ✓ |
| | Decree law | ✓ | ✓ | | | | | |
| | administrative circular | | | | | | | |
| | Other (specify) | | | | | | | |
| Type of program | | | | | | | | |
| | individual | | ✓ | | | | | ✓ |
| | collective | ✓ | ✓ | ✓ | ✓ | ✓ | | |
| | Other (specify) | | | | | | run-on from Art 91, par. 11 | |
| Program covers: | | | | | | | | |
| | all illegal residents | ✓ | | ✓ | | | | |
| | Illegal residents with employment | | ✓ | | | ✓ | | |
| | rejected asylum-seekers | | | | | ✓ | | |
| | rejected "other status" | | | ✓ | | ✓ | ✓ | |
| | holders of expired permits | | | ✓ | ✓ | | | |
| | legal residents illegally working | | | | | | | |
| | family members | | | ✓ | | ✓ | ✓ | |
| | Other (specify) | | | | holders of work permits | | see above | individual basis |
| Criteria used: | | | | | | | | |

| COUNTRY | | Greece | | | | | | |
|--------------------------------------|---|---------------------------------|------------|----------------|----------------------------------|----------------|----------------|---------------|
| Number of programs since 1998 | | 6 | | | | | | |
| Number of mechanisms, 2008 | | 1 | | | | | | |
| Program or mechanism? | | program | program | program | program | program | program | mechanism |
| Program name | | White Card | Green Card | temporary card | Art 91, par.10 | Art 91, par.11 | Art 18, para 4 | Art 44, par 2 |
| Date of legislation | | 1997 | 1997 | 2001 | 2005 | 2005 | 2007 | 2005 |
| RESIDENCE | Presence before [date] | d | ✓ | ✓ | ? | ✓ | | |
| | length of residence | d | d | ✓ | ✓ | | d | d |
| EMPLOYMENT | employment contract | d | ✓ | ✓ | d | d | | |
| | employment offer | | | | | | | |
| | employment record | | | | d | d | | |
| | social insurance | | ✓ | ✓ | ✓ | ✓ | ✓ | |
| | qualifications | | | | | | | |
| PERSONAL | family ties | d | d | d | d | d | d | d |
| | ethnic ties | | | | | | | d |
| | evidence of integration | | | | d | | ✓ | |
| HEALTH | +ve health status | ✓ | ✓ | ✓ | ✓ | ✓ | ✓ | ✓ |
| | health problem | | | | | | | d |
| PUBLIC ORDER | no criminal record | ✓ | ✓ | ✓ | ✓ | ✓ | ✓ | ✓ |
| QUOTA | nationality | | | | | | | |
| | Other (specify) | not listed as undesirable alien | | | expired residence or work permit | d: visa | | visa stamp |
| Statuses awarded: | | | | | | | | |
| | Temporary right to remain (de facto) | ✓ | | | | | | |
| | Temporary, limited access to employment | | | | | | | ✓ |
| | Short-term permit (1-2 years) | | ✓ | | ✓ | ✓ | ✓ | |
| | Long-term permit (3-5 years) | | ? | | ✓ | | | |
| | Permanent residence (2003/109/EC) | | | | | | | |
| | Other (specify) | 6-month Card | | 6-month Card | | | | |

| COUNTRY | | Greece | | | | | | |
|--------------------------------------|-----|---------------|------------|----------------|----------------|----------------|----------------|---------------|
| Number of programs since 1998 | | 6 | | | | | | |
| Number of mechanisms, 2008 | | 1 | | | | | | |
| Program or mechanism? | | program | program | program | program | program | program | mechanism |
| Program name | | White Card | Green Card | temporary card | Art 91, par.10 | Art 91, par.11 | Art 18, para 4 | Art 44, par 2 |
| Date of legislation | | 1997 | 1997 | 2001 | 2005 | 2005 | 2007 | 2005 |
| Long-term perspective? | | | | | | | | |
| | YES | | ✓ | ✓ | ✓ | ✓ | ✓ | ✓ |
| | NO | ✓ | | | | | | |

| COUNTRY Spain | | | | | | | | |
|-----------------------------------|----------------|----------------------|-------------------|---------|----------------------------|-----------------------------------|---|--|
| Number of programs since 1998 | 5 | | | | | | | |
| Number of mechanisms, 2008 | 3 | | | | | | | |
| Program or mechanism? | program | program | program | program | program | mechanism | mechanism | mechanism |
| Program name | Regularizacion | Retorno ecuatorianos | Reexamen | Arraigo | Extraordinary legalisation | temp: social integration | temp: humanitarian | temp: public interest |
| Date of legislation | 2000 | 2001 | 2001 | 2001 | 2005 | 2000 | 2000 | 2000 |
| Duration of program (months) | 4.0 | | | | | ongoing | ongoing | ongoing |
| Number of applicants [000s] | 247.60 | | | 351.30 | 691.70 | | | |
| Number regularised [000s] | 199.90 | | | 232.70 | 578.40 | | | |
| Legal basis | | | | | | | | |
| Specific law | | | | | | | | |
| Within immigration law | ✓ | | | | ✓ | ✓ | ✓ | ✓ |
| Decree law | ✓ | ✓ | ✓ | ✓ | ✓ | | | |
| administrative circular | | | | | | | | |
| Other (specify) | | | | | | | | |
| Type of program | | | | | | | | |
| individual | | | | | | ✓ | ✓ | ✓ |
| collective | ✓ | | ✓ | | ✓ | | | |
| Other (specify) | | | | | | | | |
| Program covers: | | | | | | | | |
| all illegal residents | ✓ | | | ✓ | | | | |
| Illegal residents with employment | | | | | ✓ | | | |
| rejected asylum-seekers | ✓ | | | | | | | |
| rejected "other status" | | | | | | | | |
| holders of expired permits | | | | | | | | |
| legal residents illegally working | ✓ | | | ✓ | ✓ | | | |
| family members | ✓ | | | | | | | |
| Other (specify) | | Ecuadorian | from 2000 program | | | for reasons of social integration | international protection and humanitarian reasons | public interest, national security and collaboration with administrative authorities |
| Criteria used: | | | | | | | | |

| COUNTRY | | Spain | | | | | | | |
|---|-------------------------|----------------|----------------------|----------|---------|----------------------------|--------------------------|--------------------|-----------------------|
| Number of programs since 1998 | | 5 | | | | | | | |
| Number of mechanisms, 2008 | | 3 | | | | | | | |
| Program or mechanism? | | program | program | program | program | program | mechanism | mechanism | mechanism |
| Program name | | Regularizacion | Retorno ecuatorianos | Reexamen | Arraigo | Extraordinary legalisation | temp: social integration | temp: humanitarian | temp: public interest |
| Date of legislation | | 2000 | 2001 | 2001 | 2001 | 2005 | 2000 | 2000 | 2000 |
| RESIDENCE | Presence before [date] | ✓ | ✓ | ✓ | ✓ | ✓ | ✓ | | |
| | length of residence | ✓ | | ✓ | ✓ | ✓ | ✓ | | |
| EMPLOYMENT | employment contract | | | | | ✓ | | | |
| | employment offer | | | | | | | | |
| | employment record | | | | | ✓ | ? | | |
| | social insurance | | | | | ✓ | | | |
| PERSONAL | qualifications | | | | | | | | |
| | family ties | | | | | | ? | ? | |
| | ethnic ties | | | | | | | | |
| HEALTH | evidence of integration | | | | ✓ | | ? | | ? |
| | +ve health status | | | | | | | | |
| PUBLIC ORDER | health problem | | | | | | | ? | |
| | no criminal record | | ✓ | | ✓ | ✓ | ✓ | ✓ | ✓ |
| QUOTA | nationality | | ✓ | | | | | | |
| Other (specify) | | | | | | | | | |
| Statuses awarded: | | | | | | | | | |
| Temporary right to remain (de facto) | | | | | | | ✓ | ✓ | ✓ |
| Temporary; limited access to employment | | | | | | | | | |
| Short-term permit (1-2 years) | | ✓ | ✓ | ✓ | ✓ | ✓ | ✓ | ✓ | ✓ |
| Long-term permit (3-5 years) | | | | | | | | | |
| Permanent residence (2003/109/EC) | | | | | | | | | |
| Other (specify) | | | | | | | | | |

| COUNTRY | | Spain | | | | | | | |
|--------------------------------------|-----|----------------|-------------------------|----------|---------|-------------------------------|-----------------------------|-----------------------|--------------------------|
| Number of programs since 1998 | | 5 | | | | | | | |
| Number of mechanisms, 2008 | | 3 | | | | | | | |
| Program or mechanism? | | program | program | program | program | program | mechanism | mechanism | mechanism |
| Program name | | Regularizacion | Retorno ecuatorianos | Reexamen | Arraigo | Extraordinary legalisation | temp: social integration | temp: humanitarian | temp: public interest |
| Date of legislation | | 2000 | 2001 | 2001 | 2001 | 2005 | 2000 | 2000 | 2000 |
| Long-term perspective? | | | | | | | | | |
| | YES | ✓ | ✓ | ✓ | ✓ | ✓ | ✓ | ✓ | ✓ |
| | NO | | | | | | | | |

| COUNTRY | Italy | | | Portugal | | | | |
|-----------------------------------|--------------|---------|-------------|-----------------------|---------|-----------|-----------|-------------|
| Number of programs since 1998 | 2 (3) | | | 3 | | | | |
| Number of mechanisms, 2008 | 0 | | | 3 | | | | |
| Program or mechanism? | program | program | de facto p. | program | program | mechanism | mechanism | mechanism |
| Program name | | | | Agt Portugal & Brasil | Art. 71 | Art. 88 | Art. 55 | Arts. 88-90 |
| Date of legislation | 1998 1999 | 2002 | 2006 | 2003 | 2004 | 1998 | 2001 | 2007 |
| Duration of program (months) | | | | 2003-8 | 1.5 | ? | 36 | ongoing |
| Number of applicants [000s] | 251.00 | 704.00 | | | | | | |
| Number regularised [000s] | | | | 19.40 | 19.30 | | | |
| Legal basis | | | | | | | | |
| Specific law | | | | | | | | |
| Within immigration law | | | | | | | | |
| Decree law | ✓ | ✓ | | | ✓ | ✓ | ✓ | ✓ |
| administrative circular | | | | | | | | |
| Other (specify) | | | | Internat. Agt. | | | | |
| Type of program | | | | | | | | |
| individual | | | | | | | | |
| collective | ✓ | ✓ | | ✓ | ✓ | | | |
| Other (specify) | | | | | | | | |
| Program covers: | | | | | | | | |
| all illegal residents | | | | | | | | |
| Illegal residents with employment | ✓ | ✓ | | | | | | |
| rejected asylum-seekers | | | | | | | | |
| rejected "other status" | | | | | | | | |
| holders of expired permits | | | | | | | | |
| legal residents illegally working | | | | | | | | |
| family members | | | | | | | | |
| Other (specify) | | | | Brazilian workers | | | | |
| Criteria used: | | | | | | | | |

| COUNTRY | | Italy | | | Portugal | | | | |
|-------------------------------|---|-----------|---------|------------------|-----------------------|---------|----------------------------|-----------|-------------|
| Number of programs since 1998 | | 2 (3) | | | 3 | | | | |
| Number of mechanisms, 2008 | | 0 | | | 3 | | | | |
| Program or mechanism? | | program | program | de facto p. | program | program | mechanism | mechanism | mechanism |
| Program name | | | | | Agt Portugal & Brasil | Art. 71 | Art. 88 | Art. 55 | Arts. 88-90 |
| Date of legislation | | 1998 1999 | 2002 | 2006 | 2003 | 2004 | 1998 | 2001 | 2007 |
| RESIDENCE | Presence before [date] | ✓ | ✓ | | ✓ | ✓ | | | |
| | length of residence | ✓ | ✓ | | | ✓ | | | |
| EMPLOYMENT | employment contract | ✓ | ✓ | | ✓ | ✓ | | ✓ | ✓ |
| | employment offer | | | | | | | | |
| | employment record | ✓ | ✓ | | | ✓ | | ✓ | ✓ |
| | social insurance | | | | | ✓ | | | ✓ |
| PERSONAL | qualifications | | | | | | | | ✓ |
| | family ties | ✓ | ✓ | | | | | | |
| | ethnic ties | | | | | | | | |
| HEALTH | evidence of integration | | | | | | | | |
| | +ve health status | | | | | | | | |
| PUBLIC ORDER | health problem | | | | | | | | |
| | no criminal record | ✓ | ✓ | | ✓ | ✓ | | ✓ | ✓ |
| QUOTA | nationality | | | | ✓ | | | | |
| Statuses awarded: | housing | housing | housing | | | | | | visa |
| | Other (specify) | | | | | | | | |
| Statuses awarded: | Temporary right to remain (de facto) | | | | | | | | |
| | Temporary, limited access to employment | | | | | | | | |
| | Short-term permit (1-2 years) | ✓ | ✓ | | | | ✓ | | ✓ |
| | Long-term permit (3-5 years) | ? | ? | | | | | | |
| | Permanent residence (2003/109/EC) | | | | | | | | |
| Other (specify) | | | | 3 year work visa | temp. work visa | | Permanent; work authorisn. | | |

| COUNTRY | | Italy | | | Portugal | | | | |
|-------------------------------|--|--------------|---------|-------------|-----------------------|---------|-----------|-----------|-------------|
| Number of programs since 1998 | | 2 (3) | | | 3 | | | | |
| Number of mechanisms, 2008 | | 0 | | | 3 | | | | |
| Program or mechanism? | | program | program | de facto p. | program | program | mechanism | mechanism | mechanism |
| Program name | | | | | Agt Portugal & Brasil | Art. 71 | Art. 88 | Art. 55 | Arts. 88-90 |
| Date of legislation | | 1998 1999 | 2002 | 2006 | 2003 | 2004 | 1998 | 2001 | 2007 |
| Long-term perspective? | | | | | | | | | |
| YES | | ✓ | ✓ | | ✓ | ✓ | ✓ | ✓ | ✓ |
| NO | | | | | | | | | |

| COUNTRY | The Netherlands | | | | Denmark | | |
|-------------------------------|---|-------------------------------|-----------------------|-------------------------|--------------------------------|------------------------------|----------------------------------|
| Number of programs since 1998 | 3 | | | | 2 | | |
| Number of mechanisms, 2008 | 1 | | | | 3 | | |
| Program or mechanism? | program | program | program | mechanism | program | program | mechanism |
| Program name | regularisation programme for 'white illegals' | Asylum seekers regularisation | General amnesty | temporary asylum status | Act 933 on temporary residence | Act 251 on tempory residence | Residence permit on humanitarian |
| Date of legislation | 1999 | 2002 | 2007 | 2000 | 1992 | 1999 | |
| Duration of program (months) | ? | ? | | | 10 years | 14 | ongoing |
| Number of applicants [000s] | 8.00 | ? | ? | ? | ? | ? | |
| Number regularised [000s] | 2.20 | 2.30 | 25.00 | ? | 4.99 | 3.00 | |
| Legal basis | | | | | | | |
| | Specific law | | | ✓ | ✓ | ✓ | |
| | Within immigration law | | | | | | ✓ |
| | Decree law | | | | | | |
| | administrative circular | | | | | | |
| | Other (specify) | | | | | | |
| Type of program | | | | | | | |
| | individual | ✓ | | ✓ | | | ✓ |
| | collective | | ✓ | | | | |
| | Other (specify) | | | | | | |
| Program covers: | | | | | | | |
| | all illegal residents | | | | | | |
| | Illegal residents with employment | | | | | | |
| | rejected asylum-seekers | | | | | | |
| | rejected "other status" | | | | | | |
| | holders of expired permits | | | | | | |
| | legal residents illegally working | | | | | | |
| | family members | | | | | | |
| | | delayed asylum claims | delayed asylum claims | asylum claimants | | | various humanitarian reasons |
| | Other (specify) | | | | | | |
| Criteria used: | | | | | | | |

| COUNTRY | | The Netherlands | | | | Denmark | | |
|-------------------------------|---|---|-------------------------------|-----------------|-------------------------|--------------------------------|------------------------------|----------------------------------|
| Number of programs since 1998 | | 3 | | | | 2 | | |
| Number of mechanisms, 2008 | | 1 | | | | 3 | | |
| Program or mechanism? | | program | program | program | mechanism | program | program | mechanism |
| Program name | | regularisation programme for 'white illegals' | Asylum seekers regularisation | General amnesty | temporary asylum status | Act 933 on temporary residence | Act 251 on tempory residence | Residence permit on humanitarian |
| Date of legislation | | 1999 | 2002 | 2007 | 2000 | 1992 | 1999 | |
| RESIDENCE | Presence before [date] | ✓ | ✓ | ✓ | | | | |
| | length of residence | ✓ | | | | | | d |
| EMPLOYMENT | employment contract | | | | | | | |
| | employment offer | | | | | | | |
| | employment record | | | | | | | |
| | social insurance | ✓ | | | | | | |
| PERSONAL | qualifications | | | | | | | |
| | family ties | | | | | | | d |
| | ethnic ties | | | | | ✓ | ✓ | ✓ |
| HEALTH | evidence of integration | | | | | | | |
| | +ve health status | | | | | | | |
| PUBLIC ORDER | health problem | | | | | | | ✓ |
| | no criminal record | | | | | | | |
| QUOTA | nationality | | | | | ✓ | ✓ | ✓ |
| Statuses awarded: | Other (specify) | proof of paying taxes | various | various | | | | |
| | Temporary right to remain (de facto) | | | | | ✓ | ✓ | |
| | Temporary; limited access to employment | | | | | | | |
| | Short-term permit (1-2 years) | | | | | | | ✓ |
| | Long-term permit (3-5 years) | | | | | | | |
| | Permanent residence (2003/109/EC) | | | | | | | |
| | Other (specify) | | | | | | | |

| COUNTRY | The Netherlands | | | | Denmark | | |
|-------------------------------|---|-------------------------------|-----------------|-------------------------|--------------------------------|------------------------------|----------------------------------|
| Number of programs since 1998 | 3 | | | | 2 | | |
| Number of mechanisms, 2008 | 1 | | | | 3 | | |
| Program or mechanism? | program | program | program | mechanism | program | program | mechanism |
| Program name | regularisation programme for 'white illegals' | Asylum seekers regularisation | General amnesty | temporary asylum status | Act 933 on temporary residence | Act 251 on tempory residence | Residence permit on humanitarian |
| Date of legislation | 1999 | 2002 | 2007 | 2000 | 1992 | 1999 | |
| Long-term perspective? | | | | | | | |
| | YES | | | | | | |
| | NO | | | | | | |

| COUNTRY | | | Luxembourg | | Sweden | | Finland |
|-----------------------------------|--|--|--|--|-------------------------------------|--------------------------|-------------------------------------|
| Number of programs since 1998 | | | 1 | | 1 | | 0 |
| Number of mechanisms, 2008 | | | 1 | | 1 | | ? |
| Program or mechanism? | | | program | mechanism | program | mechanism | mechanism |
| | | | Residence permit on special grounds | Residence on behalf of the job card scheme | | | Aliens Act, residence permits under |
| Program name | | | Regularisation de certaines categories | humanitarian status | | | |
| Date of legislation | | | 2001 | | | | |
| Duration of program (months) | | | 2 | | ? | | ongoing |
| Number of applicants [000s] | | | 2.88 | ? | 31.00 | | period 2003-7 |
| Number regularised [000s] | | | 1.84 | ? | 17.00 | | 1.25 |
| Legal basis | | | | | | | |
| Specific law | | | | | | | |
| Within immigration law | | | ✓ | ✓ | ✓ | | ✓ |
| Decree law | | | | | | | |
| administrative circular | | | | | | | |
| Other (specify) | | | | | | | |
| Type of program | | | | | | | |
| individual | | | ✓ | ✓ | | | ✓ |
| collective | | | | | ✓ | | |
| Other (specify) | | | | | | | |
| Program covers: | | | | | | | |
| all illegal residents | | | | | | | |
| Illegal residents with employment | | | ✓ | | | | |
| rejected asylum-seekers | | | ✓ | | ✓ | | |
| rejected "other status" | | | | | ✓ | | |
| holders of expired permits | | | | | | | |
| legal residents illegally working | | | ✓ | | | | |
| family members | | | | | ✓ | | |
| | | | various humanitarian reasons | continuous residence since 1998 | humanitarian; children in education | long term asylum seekers | compassionate grounds |
| Other (specify) | | | | | | | |
| Criteria used: | | | | | | | |

| COUNTRY | | | Luxembourg | | Sweden | | Finland |
|-------------------------------|---|---|-------------------------------------|--|---|---|-------------------------------------|
| Number of programs since 1998 | | | | | 1 | | 0 |
| Number of mechanisms, 2008 | | | | | 1 | | ? |
| Program or mechanism? | | | mechanism | mechanism | program | mechanism | mechanism |
| Program name | | | Residence permit on special grounds | Residence on behalf of the job card scheme | Regularisation de certaines categories | humanitarian status | Aliens Act, residence permits under |
| Date of legislation | | | | | 2001 | | |
| RESIDENCE | Presence before [date] | | | | ✓ | | |
| | length of residence | d | | | ✓ | | |
| EMPLOYMENT | employment contract | | | | | | |
| | employment offer | | | | | | |
| | employment record | d | ✓ | | ✓ | | d |
| | social insurance | | | | | | |
| | qualifications | | | | | | |
| PERSONAL | family ties | d | | | | ✓ | |
| | ethnic ties | d | | | | | |
| | evidence of integration | d | | | d | d | ✓ |
| HEALTH | +ve health status | | | | | | |
| | health problem | d | | | ✓ | ✓ | ✓ |
| PUBLIC ORDER | no criminal record | | | | ✓ | ✓ | ✓ |
| QUOTA | nationality | | | | | | |
| | Other (specify) | | | | parent of legally resident child | other humanitarian reasons | ties to Finland |
| Statuses awarded: | | | | | | | |
| | Temporary right to remain (de facto) | | | | | | |
| | Temporary, limited access to employment | | | | | | |
| | Short-term permit (1-2 years) | | | | ✓ | ✓ | |
| | Long-term permit (3-5 years) | | | | | | |
| | Permanent residence (2003/109/EC) | ✓ | ✓ | | | | ✓ |
| | Other (specify) | | | | renewal conditional on employment and non-dependence on the state | renewal conditional on employment and non-dependence on the state | |

| COUNTRY | | | Luxembourg | | Sweden | | Finland |
|-------------------------------|--|--|-------------------------------------|--|--|---------------------|-------------------------------------|
| Number of programs since 1998 | | | 1 | | 1 | | 0 |
| Number of mechanisms, 2008 | | | 1 | | 1 | | ? |
| Program or mechanism? | | | mechanism | mechanism | program | mechanism | mechanism |
| Program name | | | Residence permit on special grounds | Residence on behalf of the job card scheme | Regularisation de certaines categories | humanitarian status | Aliens Act, residence permits under |
| Date of legislation | | | | | 2001 | | |
| Long-term perspective? | | | | | | | |
| YES | | | | | | | ✓ |
| NO | | | | | | | |

| COUNTRY | | | Poland | | | | | |
|-------------------------------|-------------------------------------|-------------------------------------|-------------------|-------------------|--|---------------------------|---|---|
| Number of programs since 1998 | | | 3 | | | | | |
| Number of mechanisms, 2008 | | | 3 | | | | | |
| Program or mechanism? | mechanism | mechanism | program | program | program | mechanism | mechanism | mechanism |
| Program name | Aliens Act, residence permits under | Aliens Act, residence permits under | "Great abolition" | "Small abolition" | "Great abolition -- continuation" | Permit for tolerated stay | National visa for exceptional circumstances | Fixed period residence permit |
| Date of legislation | | | 2003 | 2003 | 2007 | 2003 | 2006 | 2003 |
| Duration of program (months) | ongoing | ongoing | 4 | 3 | 6 | ongoing | ongoing | ongoing |
| Number of applicants [000s] | period 2003-7 | period 2003-7 | 3.51 | 0.28 | 2.02 | (2007 data) | 1.27 | n.d. |
| Number regularised [000s] | 0.62 | 0.26 | 2.75 | 0.28 | 0.18 | 2.91 | 1.06 | n.d. |
| Legal basis | | | | | | | | |
| | Specific law | | | | | | | |
| | Within immigration law | ✓ | ✓ | ✓ | | ✓ | ✓ | ✓ |
| | Decree law | | | | | | | |
| | administrative circular | | | | | | | |
| | Other (specify) | | | | amended Aliens Law | | | |
| Type of program | | | | | | | | |
| | individual | ✓ | ✓ | | | ✓ | ✓ | ✓ |
| | collective | | | | | | | |
| | Other (specify) | | | | | | | |
| Program covers: | | | | | | | | |
| | all illegal residents | | | ✓ | | | | |
| | Illegal residents with employment | | ✓ | | ✓ | | | |
| | rejected asylum-seekers | | | | | | | |
| | rejected "other status" | | | | | | | |
| | holders of expired permits | | | | | | | |
| | legal residents illegally working | | ✓ | | ✓ | | | |
| | family members | | | | | | | |
| | non-deportable aliens | family ties | independent means | | had not applied previously for "Great Abolition" | non-deportable aliens | public interest; trafficking victims; medical treatment; etc. | spouse of Polish or EU national; spouse of TCN with EU long-term residence permit |
| | Other (specify) | | | | | | | |
| Criteria used: | | | | | | | | |

| COUNTRY | | | Poland | | | | | |
|-------------------------------|---|----------------|---|--|---|-----------------------------|---|--|
| Number of programs since 1998 | | | 3 | | | | | |
| Number of mechanisms, 2008 | | | 3 | | | | | |
| Program or mechanism? | | | program | program | program | mechanism | mechanism | mechanism |
| Program name | | | "Great abolition" | "Small abolition" | "Great abolition -- continuation" | Permit for tolerated stay | National visa for exceptional circumstances | Fixed period residence permit |
| Date of legislation | | | 2003 | 2003 | 2007 | 2003 | 2006 | 2003 |
| RESIDENCE | Presence before [date] | | ✓ | ✓ | ✓ | | | |
| | length of residence | | ✓ | | ✓ | | | |
| EMPLOYMENT | employment contract | | d | | d | | | |
| | employment offer | | d | | d | | | |
| | employment record | | d | | d | | | |
| | social insurance | | | | | | | |
| | qualifications | | | | | | | |
| PERSONAL | family ties | | | | | | | ✓ |
| | ethnic ties | | | | | ✓ | | |
| | evidence of integration | | | | | | | |
| HEALTH | +ve health status | | | | | | | |
| | health problem | ✓ | | | | | | |
| PUBLIC ORDER | no criminal record | ✓ | d | | d | | | |
| QUOTA | nationality | | | | | ✓ | | |
| | Other (specify) | non-deportable | no threat to state security; sufficient financial means | no threat to state security; not recorded as undesirable alien | no threat to state security; sufficient financial means | no threat to state security | no threat to state security | no threat to state security; not recorded as undesirable alien |
| Statuses awarded: | | | | | | | | |
| | Temporary right to remain (de facto) | ✓ | | | | | | |
| | Temporary, limited access to employment | | ✓ | | ✓ | | | |
| | Short-term permit (1-2 years) | | | | | | | ✓ |
| | Long-term permit (3-5 years) | | | | | | | |
| | Permanent residence (2003/109/EC) | | | | | ✓ | | |
| | Other (specify) | | | no right of residence granted | | | period of stay not exceeding 3 months | |

| COUNTRY | | | Poland | | | | | | | |
|-------------------------------|--|--|-------------------------------------|-------------------------------------|-------------------|-------------------|-----------------------------------|---------------------------|---|-------------------------------|
| Number of programs since 1998 | | | 3 | | | | | | | |
| Number of mechanisms, 2008 | | | 3 | | | | | | | |
| Program or mechanism? | | | mechanism | mechanism | program | program | program | mechanism | mechanism | mechanism |
| Program name | | | Aliens Act, residence permits under | Aliens Act, residence permits under | "Great abolition" | "Small abolition" | "Great abolition -- continuation" | Permit for tolerated stay | National visa for exceptional circumstances | Fixed period residence permit |
| Date of legislation | | | | | 2003 | 2003 | 2007 | 2003 | 2006 | 2003 |
| Long-term perspective? | | | | | | | | | | |
| YES | | | | ✓ | ✓ | | ✓ | | | ✓ |
| NO | | | | | | | | | | |

| COUNTRY | Lithuania | | | Hungary | | Ireland | | Estonia |
|-------------------------------------|-----------------------------------|---------|-----------|---|---|--|--|--|
| Number of programs since 1998 | 2 | | | 1 | | 1 | | 0 |
| Number of mechanisms, 2008 | 1 | | | 1 | | 1 | | 2 |
| Program or mechanism? | program | program | mechanism | program | mechanism | program | mechanism | mechanism |
| Program name | | | | | | IBC/05 | temporary permission to remain | |
| Date of legislation | 1998 | 2004 | | 2004 | 2007 | 2005 | ? | 1997 |
| Duration of program (months) | 3 | 7 days | ongoing | 3 | ongoing | 3 | 1996-2003 | |
| Number of applicants [000s] | 0.39 | 0.10 | | 1.54 | (2007 data) | 14.10 | | |
| Number regularised [000s] | 0.16 | 0.08 | ? | 1.19 | 2.95 | 13.83 | 16.69 | |
| Legal basis | | | | | | | | |
| | Specific law | | | ✓ | | | | |
| | Within immigration law | ✓ | ✓ | ✓ | | | | |
| | Decree law | | | | ✓ | | | |
| | administrative circular | | | | | ✓ | ✓ | |
| | Other (specify) | | | | | | | |
| Type of program | | | | | | | | |
| | individual | | | ✓ | ✓ | | | |
| | collective | | | | | ✓ | | |
| | Other (specify) | | | | | | | |
| Program covers: | | | | | | | | |
| | all illegal residents | ✓ | ✓ | | | | | |
| | Illegal residents with employment | | | | | | | |
| | rejected asylum-seekers | | | | | | | |
| | rejected "other status" | | | | | | | |
| | holders of expired permits | | | | | | | |
| | legal residents illegally working | | | | | | | |
| | family members | | | | | | | |
| | Other (specify) | | | | | | | |
| | | | | spouse of legal resident; or company director; or cultural ties with Hungary; or non-deportable | stateless; unaccompanied minors or orphans born in Hungary; assisting authorities with criminal investigation | parent of child with Irish citizenship | parent of child with Irish citizenship | citizens of the former USSR without Estonian nationality |
| Criteria used: | | | | | | | | |

| COUNTRY | | Lithuania | | | Hungary | | Ireland | | Estonia |
|-------------------------------|--|---|---------|-----------|---------|----------------------|---|---|-----------|
| Number of programs since 1998 | | 2 | | | 1 | | 1 | | 0 |
| Number of mechanisms, 2008 | | 1 | | | 1 | | 1 | | 2 |
| Program or mechanism? | | program | program | mechanism | program | mechanism | program | mechanism | mechanism |
| Program name | | | | | | | IBC/05 | temporary permission to remain | |
| Date of legislation | | 1998 | 2004 | | 2004 | 2007 | 2005 | ? | 1997 |
| RESIDENCE | | Presence before [date] | | | ✓ | | ✓ | ✓ | ✓ |
| | | length of residence | | | ✓ | | ✓ | ✓ | ✓ |
| EMPLOYMENT | | employment contract | | | | | | | |
| | | employment offer | | | | | | | |
| | | employment record | | | ✓ | | | | ✓ |
| | | social insurance | | | | | | | |
| | | qualifications | | | | | | | |
| PERSONAL | | family ties | | | ✓ | | ✓ | ✓ | ✓ |
| | | ethnic ties | | | | | | | |
| | | evidence of integration | | | | | | | d |
| HEALTH | | +ve health status | | | | | | | |
| | | health problem | | | | | | | |
| PUBLIC ORDER | | no criminal record | | | ✓ | | ✓ | ✓ | ✓ |
| QUOTA | | nationality | | | | | | | |
| | | Other (specify) | | | | humanitarian reasons | parent of child with Irish citizenship | parent of child with Irish citizenship | |
| Statuses awarded: | | | | | | | | | |
| | | Temporary right to remain (de facto) | | | | | | | ✓ |
| | | Temporary, limited access to employment | | | | ✓ | | | |
| | | Short-term permit (1-2 years) | | | | ✓ | ✓ | | ✓ |
| | | Long-term permit (3-5 years) | | | | | | | |
| | | Permanent residence (2003/109/EC) | | | | | | | |
| | | Other (specify) | | | | | Temporary permission to remain with work permission | Temporary permission to remain with work permission | |

| COUNTRY | Lithuania | | | Hungary | | Ireland | | Estonia |
|-------------------------------|------------------|---------|-----------|----------------|-----------|----------------|--------------------------------|----------------|
| Number of programs since 1998 | 2 | | | 1 | | 1 | | 0 |
| Number of mechanisms, 2008 | 1 | | | 1 | | 1 | | 2 |
| Program or mechanism? | program | program | mechanism | program | mechanism | program | mechanism | mechanism |
| Program name | | | | | | IBC/05 | temporary permission to remain | |
| Date of legislation | 1998 | 2004 | | 2004 | 2007 | 2005 | ? | 1997 |
| Long-term perspective? | | | | | | | | |
| YES | | | | | ✓ | ✓ | ✓ | ✓ |
| NO | | | | | | | | |

| COUNTRY | | Slovak Rep. | U.K. | | | | |
|-----------------------------------|--|--|--|--|---|--------------------------------------|---------------------------|
| Number of programs since 1998 | | 0 | 5 | | | | |
| Number of mechanisms, 2008 | | 1 | 1 | | | | |
| Program or mechanism? | | mechanism | programme | programme | programme | programme | programme |
| Program name | | | Backlog clearance exercise for | Family Indefinite Leave to Remain (ILR) exercise | Regularisation programme for domestic | Regularisation of Overstayers Scheme | long residence concession |
| Date of legislation | | 1999 | 1998 | 2003 | 1998 | 2005 | 2003 |
| Duration of program (months) | | ongoing | 1999 - 2000?? | 2003 - 2006 | 1998 - 1999 | | |
| Number of applicants [000s] | | (2007 data) | 24.08 | | | | |
| Number regularised [000s] | | 0.37 | 21.47 | 25.48 | | | |
| Legal basis | | | | | | | |
| Specific law | | | ✓ | | | | |
| Within immigration law | | ✓ | | | | ✓ | ✓ |
| Decree law | | | | | | | |
| administrative circular | | | | | | | |
| Other (specify) | | | | | | | |
| Type of program | | | | | | | |
| individual | | | ✓ | ✓ | ✓ | ✓ | ✓ |
| collective | | | | | | | |
| Other (specify) | | | | | | | |
| Program covers: | | | | | | | |
| all illegal residents | | | | | | | ✓ |
| Illegal residents with employment | | | | | | | |
| rejected asylum-seekers | | | ✓ | ✓ | | | |
| rejected "other status" | | | | | | | |
| holders of expired permits | | | | | | | |
| legal residents illegally working | | | | | | | |
| family members | | | | | | | |
| Other (specify) | | citizens of the former USSR without Estonian nationality | non-deportable aliens; minors; trafficking victim; family reasons; other | asylum seeking families | domestic workers who left their employers | | |
| Criteria used: | | | | | | | |

| COUNTRY | | Slovak Rep. | U.K. | | | | |
|-------------------------------|---|-------------|--|--|---------------------------------------|--------------------------------------|---------------------------|
| Number of programs since 1998 | | 0 | 5 | | | | |
| Number of mechanisms, 2008 | | 1 | 1 | | | | |
| Program or mechanism? | | mechanism | programme | programme | programme | programme | programme |
| Program name | | | Backlog clearance exercise for | Family Indefinite Leave to Remain (ILR) exercise | Regularisation programme for domestic | Regularisation of Overstayers Scheme | long residence concession |
| Date of legislation | | 1999 | 1998 | 2003 | 1998 | 2005 | 2003 |
| RESIDENCE | Presence before [date] | ✓ | | ✓ | | | |
| | length of residence | ✓ | | | | | ✓ |
| EMPLOYMENT | employment contract | | | | | | |
| | employment offer | | | | | | |
| | employment record | ✓ | ✓ | | | | ✓ |
| | social insurance | | | | | | |
| | qualifications | | | | | | |
| PERSONAL | family ties | ✓ | ✓ | | | | |
| | ethnic ties | | | | | | |
| | evidence of integration | d | | | | | ✓ |
| HEALTH | +ve health status | | | | | | |
| | health problem | | | | | | |
| PUBLIC ORDER | no criminal record | ✓ | | ✓ | | | ✓ |
| QUOTA | nationality | | | | | | |
| | Other (specify) | | non-deportable aliens; minors; trafficking victim; family reasons; other | persons have not left the territory of Uk | | | |
| Statuses awarded: | | | | | | | |
| | Temporary right to remain (de facto) | ✓ | ✓ | | ✓ | | |
| | Temporary; limited access to employment | | | | | | |
| | Short-term permit (1-2 years) | ✓ | | | | | |
| | Long-term permit (3-5 years) | | | ✓ | | | |
| | Permanent residence (2003/109/EC) | | | | | | |
| | Other (specify) | | | | | | |

| COUNTRY | | Slovak Rep. | U.K. | | | | |
|-------------------------------|--|-------------|--------------------------------|--|---------------------------------------|--------------------------------------|---------------------------|
| Number of programs since 1998 | | 0 | 5 | | | | |
| Number of mechanisms, 2008 | | 1 | 1 | | | | |
| Program or mechanism? | | mechanism | programme | programme | programme | programme | programme |
| Program name | | | Backlog clearance exercise for | Family Indefinite Leave to Remain (ILR) exercise | Regularisation programme for domestic | Regularisation of Overstayers Scheme | long residence concession |
| Date of legislation | | 1999 | 1998 | 2003 | 1998 | 2005 | 2003 |
| Long-term perspective? | | | | | | | |
| YES | | ✓ | | | | | ✓ |
| NO | | | | | | | |

| COUNTRY | | Austria | Germany | | | | |
|-----------------------------------|--|-------------------------------|---|--|--|---------------------------------|---------------------------------|
| Number of programs since 1998 | | 0 | 5 | | | | |
| Number of mechanisms, 2008 | | 1 | 5 | | | | |
| Program or mechanism? | | mechanism | programme | programme | programme | programme | programme |
| Program name | | humanitarian residence permit | Regulation governing the right to stay for | Regulation for rejected asylum seekers who | Regulation governing the right to stay for | | |
| Date of legislation | | 1999 | 1999 | 1999 | 2000 | 2006 | 2007 |
| Duration of program (months) | | ongoing | | | | | |
| Number of applicants [000s] | | | | | | 71.86 | 22.86 |
| Number regularised [000s] | | 4.2 (since 2002) | 18.26 | | | 49.61 | 10.86 |
| Legal basis | | | | | | | |
| Specific law | | | | | | | ✓ |
| Within immigration law | | ✓ | | | | | |
| Decree law | | | | | | | |
| administrative circular | | | | | | | |
| Other (specify) | | | | | | ✓ | |
| Type of program | | | | | | | |
| individual | | ✓ | | | | | |
| collective | | | | | | | |
| Other (specify) | | | | | | | |
| Program covers: | | | | | | | |
| all illegal residents | | ✓ | | | | | |
| Illegal residents with employment | | | | | | | |
| rejected asylum-seekers | | | | | | | |
| rejected "other status" | | | | | | | |
| holders of expired permits | | | | | | | |
| legal residents illegally working | | | | | | | |
| family members | | | | | | | |
| Other (specify) | | families with children | All illegal migrants may be regularised on humanitarian grounds | | | persons with 'tolerated' status | persons with 'tolerated' status |
| Criteria used: | | | | | | | |

| COUNTRY | | Austria | Germany | | | | |
|-------------------------------|---|---|--|--|--|--|-----------|
| Number of programs since 1998 | | 0 | 5 | | | | |
| Number of mechanisms, 2008 | | 1 | 5 | | | | |
| Program or mechanism? | | mechanism | programme | programme | programme | programme | programme |
| Program name | | humanitarian residence permit | Regulation governing the right to stay for | Regulation for rejected asylum seekers who | Regulation governing the right to stay for | | |
| Date of legislation | | 1999 | 1999 | 1999 | 2000 | 2006 | 2007 |
| RESIDENCE | Presence before [date] | | | | | | |
| | length of residence | ✓ | | | | | |
| EMPLOYMENT | employment contract | | | | | | |
| | employment offer | | | | | | |
| | employment record | | | | | | |
| | social insurance | | | | | | |
| | qualifications | | | | | | |
| PERSONAL | family ties | | | | | | |
| | ethnic ties | | | | | | |
| | evidence of integration | | | | | | |
| HEALTH | +ve health status | | | | | | |
| | health problem | | | | | | |
| PUBLIC ORDER | no criminal record | | | | | | |
| QUOTA | nationality | | | | | | |
| | Other (specify) | residence permits are frequently issued to asylum seekers, who were already working in Austria, but whose application was | | | | Sufficient income, school success of children, language proficiency. | |
| Statuses awarded: | | | | | | | |
| | Temporary right to remain (de facto) | ✓ | | | | | |
| | Temporary, limited access to employment | ✓ | | | | | |
| | Short-term permit (1-2 years) | ✓ | | | | | |
| | Long-term permit (3-5 years) | ✓ | | | | | |
| | Permanent residence (2003/109/EC) | | | | | | |
| | Indefinite leave to remain | | | | | Residence permits and tolerated statuses | |
| | Other (specify) | | | | | | |

| COUNTRY | | Austria | Germany | | | | |
|-------------------------------|--|-----------------------|-------------------------------|--|--|--|-----------|
| Number of programs since 1998 | | 0 | 5 | | | | |
| Number of mechanisms, 2008 | | 1 | 5 | | | | |
| Program or mechanism? | | mechanism | mechanism | programme | programme | programme | programme |
| Program name | | The 'seven-year rule' | humanitarian residence permit | Regulation governing the right to stay for | Regulation for rejected asylum seekers who | Regulation governing the right to stay for | |
| Date of legislation | | 1999 | | 1999 | 1999 | 2000 | 2006 2007 |
| Long-term perspective? | | | | | | | |
| YES | | ✓ | | | | | |
| NO | | | | | | | |

| COUNTRY | | | | | | Germany - continued | Belgium |
|-----------------------------------|--|--|--|--|--|---|---|
| Number of programs since 1998 | | | | | | | 1 |
| Number of mechanisms, 2008 | | | | | | | 1 |
| Program or mechanism? | | | | | | mechanism | programme |
| Program name | | | | | | Granting of residence by the supreme Land | |
| Date of legislation | | | | | | 2004 | 1999 |
| Duration of program (months) | | | | | | ongoing | 2000 - 2002 |
| Number of applicants [000s] | | | | | | Period 2005 - 2007 | 55.00 |
| Number regularised [000s] | | | | | | 72.76 | 40.00 |
| Legal basis | | | | | | | |
| Specific law | | | | | | | |
| Within immigration law | | | | | | ✓ | |
| Decree law | | | | | | | |
| administrative circular | | | | | | | |
| Other (specify) | | | | | | | |
| Type of program | | | | | | | |
| individual | | | | | | | ✓ |
| collective | | | | | | | |
| Other (specify) | | | | | | | |
| Program covers: | | | | | | | |
| all illegal residents | | | | | | | |
| Illegal residents with employment | | | | | | | |
| rejected asylum-seekers | | | | | | | |
| rejected "other status" | | | | | | | |
| holders of expired permits | | | | | | | |
| legal residents illegally working | | | | | | | |
| family members | | | | | | | |
| Other (specify) | | | | | | certain groups of foreigners | not only illegal residents but also asylum seekers who were still in the asylum procedure |
| Criteria used: | | | | | | | |

| COUNTRY | | Germany - continued | | | | | Belgium |
|-------------------------------|--|--|--|--|--|--|-------------------|
| Number of programs since 1998 | | | | | | | 1 |
| Number of mechanisms, 2008 | | | | | | | 1 |
| Program or mechanism? | | mechanism | mechanism | mechanism | mechanism | mechanism | programme |
| Program name | | Granting of residence by the supreme Land | Granting of residence in cases of hardship | Urgent humanitarian or personal grounds | Victims of human trafficking | Right of residence for integrated children of foreigners whose | |
| Date of legislation | | 2004 | 2004 | 2004 | 2004 | 2004 | 1999 |
| RESIDENCE | Presence before [date] length of residence | | | | | | |
| EMPLOYMENT | employment contract employment offer employment record social insurance qualifications | | | | | | |
| PERSONAL | family ties ethnic ties evidence of integration | | | | | | ✓ ✓ ✓ |
| HEALTH | +ve health status health problem | | | | | | ✓ |
| PUBLIC ORDER | no criminal record | | | | | | |
| QUOTA | nationality | | | | | | |
| | Other (specify) | | | | | | impossible return |
| Statuses awarded: | | | | | | | |
| | Temporary right to remain (de facto) | ✓ | ✓ | ✓ | ✓ | ✓ | |
| | Temporary, limited access to employment | | | | | | |
| | Short-term permit (1-2 years) | | | | | | |
| | Long-term permit (3-5 years) | | | | | | |
| | Permanent residence (2003/109/EC) | | | | | | |
| | Other (specify) | Possible extension for maximum period of three years | Possible extension for maximum period of three years | Possible extension for maximum period of three years | Possible extension for maximum period of three years | Possible extension for maximum period of three years | |

| COUNTRY | | Germany - continued | | | | | Belgium |
|--------------------------------------|-----|---|--|---|------------------------------|--|----------------|
| Number of programs since 1998 | | | | | | | 1 |
| Number of mechanisms, 2008 | | | | | | | 1 |
| Program or mechanism? | | mechanism | mechanism | mechanism | mechanism | mechanism | programme |
| Program name | | Granting of residence by the supreme Land | Granting of residence in cases of hardship | Urgent humanitarian or personal grounds | Victims of human trafficking | Right of residence for integrated children of foreigners whose | |
| Date of legislation | | 2004 | 2004 | 2004 | 2004 | 2004 | 1999 |
| Long-term perspective? | | | | | | | |
| | YES | | | | | | |
| | NO | | | | | | |

| COUNTRY | | |
|--------------------------------------|--|--|
| Number of programs since 1998 | | |
| Number of mechanisms, 2008 | | |
| | | |
| Program or mechanism? | mechanism | |
| Program name | article 9bis and 9ter (formerly article 9.3) of the Aliens Law of 1980 | |
| Date of legislation | 1980 | |
| Duration of program (months) | ongoing | |
| Number of applicants [000s] | n.a. | |
| Number regularised [000s] | 40 (2001-2007) | |
| Legal basis | | |
| | Specific law | |
| | Within immigration law | ✓ |
| | Decree law | |
| | administrative circular | |
| | Other (specify) | |
| Type of program | | |
| | individual | ✓ |
| | collective | |
| | Other (specify) | |
| Program covers: | | |
| | all illegal residents | ✓ |
| | Illegal residents with employment | |
| | rejected asylum-seekers | |
| | rejected "other status" | |
| | holders of expired permits | |
| | legal residents illegally working | |
| | family members | |
| | | also persons not illegally staying (e.g. asylum seekers awaiting decisions), ill persons |
| | Other (specify) | |
| Criteria used: | | |

| COUNTRY | |
|-------------------------------|--|
| Number of programs since 1998 | |
| Number of mechanisms, 2008 | |
| | |
| Program or mechanism? | mechanism |
| Program name | article 9bis and 9ter (formerly article 9.3) of the Aliens Law of 1980 |
| Date of legislation | 1980 |
| RESIDENCE | Presence before [date] |
| | length of residence |
| EMPLOYMENT | employment contract |
| | employment offer |
| | employment record |
| | social insurance |
| | qualifications |
| PERSONAL | family ties |
| | ethnic ties |
| | evidence of integration |
| HEALTH | +ve health status |
| | health problem |
| PUBLIC ORDER | no criminal record |
| QUOTA | nationality |
| | Other (specify) |
| Statuses awarded: | |
| | Temporary right to remain (de facto) |
| | Temporary; limited access to employment |
| | Short-term permit (1-2 years) |
| | Long-term permit (3-5 years) |
| | Permanent residence (2003/109/EC) |
| | Other (specify) |

| COUNTRY | |
|-------------------------------|--|
| Number of programs since 1998 | |
| Number of mechanisms, 2008 | |
| | |
| Program or mechanism? | mechanism |
| Program name | article 9bis and 9ter (formerly article 9.3) of the Aliens Law of 1980 |
| Date of legislation | 1980 |
| Long-term perspective? | |
| | YES |
| | NO |

| COUNTRY | | | | |
|-----------------------------------|-------------|--|----------------------------------|---------------------------------------|
| France | | | | |
| Number of programs since 1998 | 2 | | | |
| Number of mechanisms, 2008 | 2 | | | |
| | | | | |
| Program or mechanism? | programme | programme | mechanism | mechanism |
| Program name | | | Admission on grounds of personal | exceptional admission of residence on |
| Date of legislation | 1997-1998 | 2006 | 1998 | 1998 and 2008 |
| Duration of program (months) | 1997-1998 | | ongoing | ongoing |
| Number of applicants [000s] | 135.00 | 33,538 cases | | |
| Number regularised [000s] | 87.00 | 6.92 | 80.40 | 21.08 |
| Legal basis | | | | |
| Specific law | | | | |
| Within immigration law | | | ✓ | ✓ |
| Decree law | | | | |
| administrative circular | | | | |
| Other (specify) | | | | |
| Type of program | | | | |
| individual | ✓ | ✓ | ✓ | ✓ |
| collective | | | | |
| Other (specify) | | | | |
| Program covers: | | | | |
| all illegal residents | | | | |
| Illegal residents with employment | | | | |
| rejected asylum-seekers | ✓ | | | |
| rejected "other status" | | | | |
| holders of expired permits | | | | |
| legal residents illegally working | | | | |
| family members | ✓ | ✓ | ✓ | |
| Other (specify) | ill persons | families with children enrolled in schools | | ü |
| Criteria used: | | | | |

| COUNTRY | | France | | | |
|--------------------------------------|---|---------------|--|----------------------------------|---------------------------------------|
| Number of programs since 1998 | | 2 | | | |
| Number of mechanisms, 2008 | | 2 | | | |
| | | | | | |
| Program or mechanism? | | programme | programme | mechanism | mechanism |
| Program name | | | | Admission on grounds of personal | exceptional admission of residence on |
| Date of legislation | | 1997-1998 | 2006 | 1998 | 1998 and 2008 |
| RESIDENCE | Presence before [date] | | | | |
| | length of residence | | ✓ | ✓ | |
| EMPLOYMENT | employment contract | | | | |
| | employment offer | | | | |
| | employment record | | | | ✓ |
| | social insurance | | | | |
| | qualifications | | | | |
| PERSONAL | family ties | ✓ | | ✓ | |
| | ethnic ties | | | | |
| | evidence of integration | | | ✓ | |
| HEALTH | +ve health status | | | | |
| | health problem | ✓ | | | |
| PUBLIC ORDER | no criminal record | | | | |
| QUOTA | nationality | | | | |
| | Other (specify) | | families with children enrolled in schools | | Humanitarian |
| Statuses awarded: | | | | | |
| | Temporary right to remain (de facto) | | | | |
| | Temporary; limited access to employment | ✓ | ✓ | ✓ | ✓ |
| | Short-term permit (1-2 years) | | | | |
| | Long-term permit (3-5 years) | | | | |
| | Permanent residence (2003/109/EC) | | | | |
| | Other (specify) | | | | |

| COUNTRY | | France | | | |
|--------------------------------------|--|---------------|-----------|----------------------------------|---------------------------------------|
| Number of programs since 1998 | | 2 | | | |
| Number of mechanisms, 2008 | | 2 | | | |
| | | | | | |
| Program or mechanism? | | programme | programme | mechanism | mechanism |
| Program name | | | | Admission on grounds of personal | exceptional admission of residence on |
| Date of legislation | | 1997-1998 | 2006 | 1998 | 1998 and 2008 |
| Long-term perspective? | | | | | |
| YES | | | | | |
| NO | | | | | |