



European Immigration Lawyers Network

About the EILN

The European Immigration Lawyers Network was established in 2000 to meet the changing needs of business and economic migrants, their employers and families in an enlarging European Union.

As the success of the European Single Market has dramatically reduced obstacles to cross border movement within the Union, the needs of companies and individuals to move to take advantage of the new possibilities has increased. While fewer and fewer problems arise regarding cross border movement of nationals of the Member States, third country nationals

moving to or within the Union continue to be subject to substantial administrative obstacles. It is to find solutions for clients to these obstacles that the Network has been created.

The objectives of the Network are:

- to provide a seamless service of advice and action for immigration clients across the European Union;
- to keep members of the Network up to date on all the changes of law at the European level relevant to an immigration practice;
- to exchange information about national law and practice in the field in order to capitalise on the best options for clients.

The Network is comprised of 34 law firms in 21 European states. The participating firms all have an established reputation for immigration work in their own country. Some are smaller firms specialising in immigration and one or two other aspects of legal work but with a national network of support in all fields of law; others provide expert legal services in all major fields of law. Each firm is independent and is a regulated professional organisation and a voluntary participant in the Network. All the EU Member States are represented as are the majority of the accession countries in Central and Eastern Europe, the Baltic States and Slovenia. In addition, the Network includes participating firms from Norway and Switzerland. Thus the Network is in a position to provide expert advice to clients whose immigration needs span more than one European state even where those needs extend east or northward in Europe.

Members of the Network meet regularly to discuss questions and developments in law and Practice.

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