



## **MALTA**

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**Citizenship by Investment:  
a Malta Perspective**

**TRUSTMOORE**

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Malta has been a member of the European Union (EU) since 2004 and is a politically stable, neutral and highly respected EU member state.

A Maltese passport not only provides international mobility through visa-free travel, it also offers employment mobility and an additional safeguard when travelling to certain parts of the world.

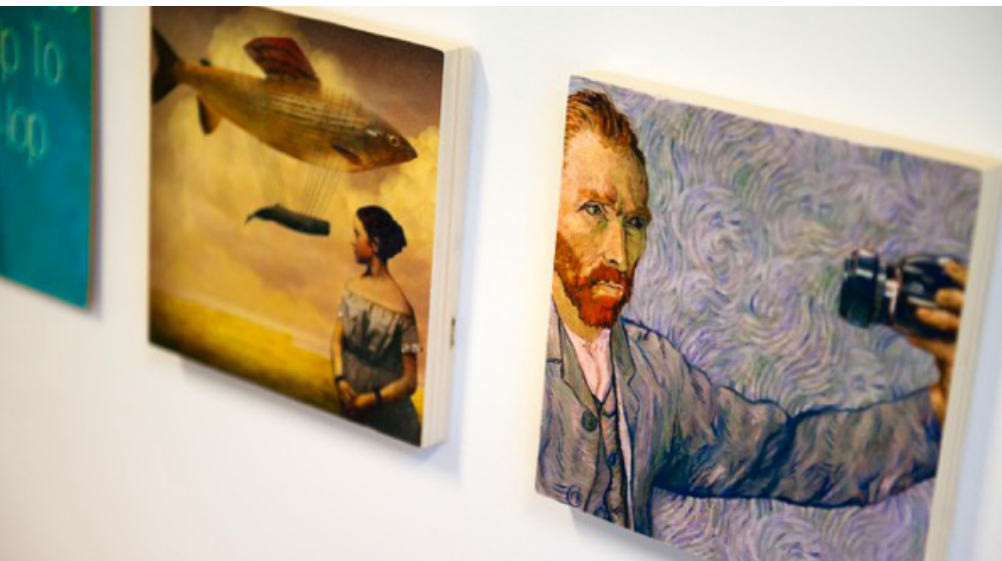
The Malta Individual Investor Programme (IIP) facilitates naturalization and, therefore, grants citizenship to reputable foreign individuals and their dependents who contribute to the economic and social development of Malta. Trustmoore's dedicated Private Client practice focuses on those in need of such services and their families, and we can provide advice and assistance through the entire application process to passport issuance.

## MAIN ASPECTS

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The main aspects of the Malta IIP:

- The main applicant must be at least 18 years of age and submit the full application package and documentation required.
- Upon “in-principle approval” by Identity Malta (the authority responsible for the Malta IIP), the main applicant makes a non-refundable contribution of EUR 650,000 and EUR 25,000 or EUR 50,000 for every dependent (contingent upon dependent age) to the Malta National Development & Social Fund.
- The main applicant must purchase residential property in Malta with a minimum value of EUR 350,000 or rent a residential property for a minimum annual rent of EUR 16,000. In both instances, the property must be kept for at least five years and may not be sold or sublet during this period.
- The main applicant must invest in Malta in the amount of EUR 150,000 in bonds, stocks, debentures, special-purpose vehicles or other similar investments. This investment must be retained for at least five years.
- Average lead time for the entire process is 12 months from the date of application.



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## **TIMELINE**

Approximate timeline and processes upon filing the application with Identity Malta.

### **One to three months**

The application and due-diligence process begins whereby Identity Malta, assisted by Trustmoore as the applicant representative, gathers all necessary documentation from the applicant including certified passports, utility bills, verification of source of wealth and funds and other required due-diligence documentation.

### **Four to five months**

Application forms and due-diligence documentation are thoroughly reviewed by Identity Malta, which maintains in constant contact with Trustmoore for clarification as needed.

### **Six to eight months**

Subject to meeting certain conditions, Identity Malta issues the letter of in-principle approval. At this stage, the residential-property lease or

purchase must be finalized and the contribution as well other required investments must be made.

### **Nine to 12 months**

Official approval of naturalization is communicated to the applicant and Trustmoore, and final preparations (such as the issuing of residence cards and identity scanning) are made for the Oath of Allegiance and issue of official passports.

Official passports are issued once Identity Malta verifies that the applicant has been in Malta for more than 12 months. Therefore, it is strongly recommended that the purchase or lease of residential property is completed at an early stage of application process.



## **TRUSTED ADVISORS**

Trustmoore's extensive family-office experience enables us to work closely with clients and their family members as trusted advisors, developing strong, long-term relationships with them and tailoring our services to their needs.

Our dedicated and expert team comprises private-wealth specialists with professional backgrounds in finance, tax, law and asset management, all committed to personal attention and focused on client interests.

As a valued client, you will enjoy a single Trustmoore point of contact available to answer all inquiries at any time.

## **CONTACT US TODAY**



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