

The short list of country codes corresponding to Ramon (GEO) classification as defined in the annex of the guidelines for standardised variables is included in [Annex 10](#).

The category 'stateless' corresponds to a person without recognized citizenship of a state.

The flag '-1' will be used to count statistical units which are part of the population of the data source but for which it systematically does not report any information on that variable.

Information on the country of main citizenship should be obtained in accordance with the current administrative status/legal situation of the individual.

The category 'country of main citizenship (SCL GEO code)' may also be used for the transmission of information on 'recognised non-citizens'. A recognized-non citizen is a person who is not a citizen of the reporting country nor of any other country, but who has established links to that country which include some but not all rights and obligations of full citizenship. A majority of these persons were citizens of the former Soviet Union living in the Baltic States who are permanently resident in these countries but have not acquired any other citizenship. Recognised non-citizens are not included in the number of European Union (EU) citizens.

In case the information is available from administrative sources it might not be necessary to ask the respondents directly. When this information needs to be asked to the respondents the recommended question is:

*"What is your citizenship?"*

*This variable is supposed to collect only in the first wave and for co-residents and to be reported annually.*