

Smart dual citizenship

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Step-Strategy
to your Smarter
International Life

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Hello, dual citizen-on-a-mission!

I'm Lara Olivetti and I am the founder of the *Italian Citizenship Institute*: the dual citizenship educator to get the absolute maximum out of your rights.

And I want to share with you in this Guide some of the most overlooked and powerful strategies from my 20+ years of legal practice helping thousands individuals and families make massive leaps in their lives - in Italy, Europe and overseas.

Isn't that good news?!

More good news: you don't need a lawyer! From my practice I can surely say that, in most cases, you can learn and do it by yourself: you can make exactly the right moves to avoid long waiting times, fines or heavy bills. You can upgrade your rights and those of your family!

However, this kind of results are achieved by 1% because, generally speaking, 99% of people aren't willing to do the work to implement the strategies correctly.

But if you are ready to step out of mediocrity, then read on as I share the strategies that made me and thousands Italians upgrade to a smart, smooth, righteous and international life!

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Do you actually need this strategy?

Are you in one of these situations? Let's be honest...

- ▶ *you wonder if dual citizenship is good for you*
- ▶ *you want to save time, money and energies, but don't know how*
- ▶ *you want to carefully evaluate pros and cons*
- ▶ *the citizenship process is puzzling and time consuming*
- ▶ *you want your family to obtain the Italian dual citizenship, but you aren't sure how*
- ▶ *you want to make the most out of the rights and opportunities attached to your dual citizenship*
- ▶ *you wonder what dual citizenship means for traveling and staying in Europe*

If living with these uncertainties is not your bag, you are in the right place!

With the right strategies, you can get rid of them.

This is how you do it....

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Step # 1

ASK THE RIGHT QUESTIONS

The secret to navigate the sea of information out there and get just the international life and opps you want is to start with the right foot. You do it by asking the right questions. These are the questions which actually bring you to the desired results:

- You want to know if dual citizenship is good for you
- You want to evaluate if dual citizenship is right for your children and your partner
- You want to avoid any waste of time, money and energy, rather multiply opportunities of security and wellbeing

No sweating: here are the questions you start with:

1 - Can I have the Italian citizenship without any risk to lose my current rights?

2 - Am I eligible for Italian dual citizenship? Or is my family eligible?

3 - What does dual citizenship mean for traveling and living in Europe?

Once you have the answers to these questions clear, you can work down to the details. But remember: you can only find clear information *in the right places!*

Here is what you get in the next pages:

In the next pages you will discover where to find the answers to the starting questions and to any further question arising from them. It's Step # 2 of my tried-and-tested Strategy to jumpstart your smart dual citizenship.

Knowing how and where to find the right answers empowers you to take leaps on your own feet. But that's not enough!

I want you to make real steps forward *here and now*. So in this guide I included the right answers to your starting questions.

That is what I call *The Basics*: Step # 3 is all about the facts you need to step into your new, smarter international life.

Let's go!

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Step # 2

SELECT YOUR SOURCES

Your time is precious and so is your energy: refrain from asking information to everybody or browsing the internet until exhaustion.

STICK TO THE OFFICIAL SOURCES

Italian municipalities, consulates and all public services for citizens and visitors have a legal duty to give clear and updated information on all opportunities and rights set by the local and national laws, as well as all the practicalities to obtain them. These very offices are your starting point. Other organizations, companies, friends, etc... can offer useful information, but you cannot be sure.

ON THE INTERNET

Since a few years the italian government activated a program to reorganise the local and national offices in more effective way. each office must show updated information on the internet, including forms and contacts.

Save time and effort: search for information on the internet and avoid calling or showing up in person at the offices. But remember: always stick to the official information.

Nowadays there are very useful official directories listing the websites of the right authorities and find all the official information you need. **Just contact me** and I'll point you just to the best and updated official resources.

REFER TO REAL EXPERTS!

Selecting your sources means accepting only advice from real experts on dual citizenship rights.

Real experts spread information based exclusively on the law and on official sources. Experts can always tell you exactly which provision of law and which official source is behind the information they provide.

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- ITALIAN DUAL CITIZENSHIP BY DESCENT/MARRIAGE/RESIDENCE
- DUAL CITIZENSHIP RIGHTS AND DUTIES - FAMILY MEMBERS RIGHTS IN ITALY AND EUROPE

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Step # 3

GET THE BASICS

Now that's a good start. But it's not enough! You want to upgrade to full international membership with the multiple opportunities it brings for you and your family.

A smart approach calls for

- 1. a sound evaluation of pros and cons:** is Italian dual citizenship good for you?
- 2. the right facts to upgrade** your position and that of your family

First things first: ***can you risk to lose your nationality by acquiring that of Italy?***

Usually not. Here is how you can solve the question.

According to Italian law, there is no problem in having two or more nationalities. You can become an Italian citizen and keep our citizenship of origin. Italian citizens can be dual nationals. However, other laws in the world are less liberal and they may have serious consequences for you.

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Some states put limitations to their citizens's right to remain such, if they acquire the citizenship of another state. Most of these states forbid dual or multiple citizenship when it is acquired by marriage or residence, but not when a person acquires citizenship by lineage.

Because the law of some states operate automatically, we may find ourselves divested from our citizenship of origin when we obtain the Italian citizenship!

And remember: losing one's citizenship means losing your passport!

In order to avoid a bitter surprise, it is our responsibility to check carefully the law of our state of origin.

I encourage you to check which states forbid dual citizenship.

Would you like to have prompt information about that or if you wonder what the US Department of State says about dual citizenship? Just contact me for a free consultation!

Evaluate pros and cons

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Depending on your ambitions and projects, you can evaluate if dual citizenship is actually good for you. Assess benefits and possible risks starting from the information on this table.

Benefits

Reconnecting with your Italian family heritage and identity

Automatic extension of dual citizenship to your children under 18

Italian passport welcome to 156 countries

Visa-free traveling in Europe and USA

Instant access in Italy/Europe to:

- *work markets*
- *health care*
- *study support*
- *social security*

Risks

Italian law will apply to you, with new rights and duties

Possible clashes between Italian law and that of your other national country, e.g.

- *limits to access positions in military/national security (e.g. USA)?*

- *double tax requests (not always easy to solve)?*

- *loss of your current citizenship/passport?*

Facts and advantages

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You can learn how to make the most out of your rights as a dual Italian citizen: you can multiply opportunities for you and your family on an international level. In fact, a specific advantage of having the Italian citizenship is that you have a full right to stay with your family members for unlimited time, no matter what their nationality is. That means that your family members always have the right to

- follow you to Italy without a visa
- work
- study
- enjoy full medical care and social security on a par with Italian citizens
- and more...

That is unique about Italian citizenship and you cannot find in other countries: **family value**. Because family has a higher value in Italian law, you always have a right to live with your family in Italy. Note that the law of most other countries do not grant such right to the family members of their citizens. So, for example, US or Dutch citizens do not have a similar right to live in their own country with their foreign spouse.

This is one of the most important and overlooked features of Italian law which you should absolutely consider when making your smart moves.

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Important! these rights apply also to same-sex couples/families as a result of a recent change introduced by the Italian Parliament. Contact me and I'll tell you all about that.

Another essential advantage: all member states of the European Union grants Italian citizens the right of traveling and staying in their territory: Because Italy is part of the EU (Italy is actually one of its founding members!), all Italian citizens are entitled to travel visa-free, to stay, work, study and enjoy the same rights as the local citizens.

Important: your family members enjoy the same rights!

European Union law (Directive 2004/38) provides that each family member is entitled to work, study and make business in Italy and in EU member states. Moreover, after five years of residence, family members are entitled to a permanent residence card and are eligible for citizenship.

Which family members have the right to reside in Italy and in each EU country?

- your spouse of registered partner (also same-sex partner)
- your children
- your spouse's or partner's children
- your parents
- your spouse's or partner's parents

- any other family member who is dependent from you is entitled to a residence permit

RECAP!

Any puzzling here? Let's clear it up by getting the gist of our strategy!

Kickstart your Smart Dual Citizenship with these 3 smart steps:

1 Ask the right questions

Start with the right step for results

2 Select your Sources

Stick to the official sources, refer only to real experts

3 Get the Basics

Assess Pros and Cons, facts and real opportunities

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Now it's your turn.....

Let me hear from you!

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What is the problem you would like to solve?

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