

Hungarians in Serbia as dual citizens in the legal system of the two countries

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Structure of the presentation

- Citizenship within the concept of nation-states, state and peoples sovereignty – single citizenship desirable
- Changing conceptual framework (migration, electoral rights without citizenship, transnational organizations, EU citizenship...)

Introduction: dual citizenship, challenges, risks, resources

- 1. Dissolution of Yugoslavia created many dual citizens – Croats in Bosnia and Serbia
- 2. Hungarians: political claim from 1997
- 3. Referenda in December 2004, new law in 2010. Widely opened door, based on Kinship with Hungarian state and cultural kinship. Friendly response of the Serbian state, even before 2010.

Dual citizens in Serbia with special emphases on Hungarians in Dual citizens in Serbia

- Article 5 of The Act on Serbian citizenship stipulates that dual citizen should be treated as Serbian citizen on the territory of Serbia. Similar provision is in Hungarian Act.
- Special rules on Police Law *Article 110, Secret service Law.
- Treaties on the exclusion of double taxation.

Legal position of dual citizens in Serbian and Hungarian Law.

- 1. Good neighborhood necessary
- 2. Legal regulation preferred
- 3. Reciprocity preferred

Conclusions