

LONG TERM RESIDENCE DIRECTIVE

State of play. In May 2011 a directive was formally adopted to extend the scope of the Long Term Residents directive to beneficiaries of international protection. This directive needs to be transposed in the national legislation of the Member States by 20 May 2013.

What's new?

- Refugees and beneficiaries of subsidiary protection will be able to acquire long-term resident status on a similar basis as other third-country nationals legally living in the EU for more than five years.

Background information:

Directive of 25 November 2003

- **Official name:** Council directive 2003/109/EC of 25 November 2003 concerning the status of third-country nationals who are long-term residents
- **Objective of the directive.** The directive aims to grant a set of uniform rights to non-EU nationals that have been living legally in an EU State for an uninterrupted period of five years (dependent upon certain conditions), with the broader objective to foster the integration of LTRs in the Member States and to promote economic and social cohesion. [Summary](#).
- **Transposition deadline:** 23 January 2006
- **Remark:** The directive does not apply in the United Kingdom, Ireland and Denmark.
- **Evaluation:** [Evaluation report](#) of 28 September 2011 the European Commission on the application of the directive.

Improving directive 2003/109/EC: Extending the scope of the directive to beneficiaries of international protection

- **6 June 2007 - Commission proposal on recast**
 - [Proposal](#) for a Council directive amending directive 2003/109/EC to extend its scope to beneficiaries of international protection.
 - The purpose of this proposal is to amend the LTRs directive, by extending its scope to include "beneficiaries of international protection" as defined by the qualification directive (TCN or stateless persons who have been granted refugee or subsidiary protection status). [More information](#).
- **11 May 2011 – new directive to extend the scope of the LTRs directive**
 - [Directive 2011/51/EU](#) of 11 May 2011 amending Council Directive 2003/109/EC to extend its scope to beneficiaries of international protection.
 - Content. Refugees and beneficiaries of subsidiary protection will be able to acquire long-term resident status on a similar basis as other third-country nationals legally living in the EU for more than five years. [More information](#).
 - Transposition deadline: 20 May 2013

More information: [Procedure file](#) of the Legislative Observatory (European Parliament)