

# e-Residency

“Once you have e-Residency, borders become meaningless.”

Forbes



A secure digital identity issued by the Government of Estonia to people from anywhere in the world that provides digital access to the country's trusted, transparent e-governance services and business environment.

## Why become an e-resident?

- Receive a unique digital identity to enable **secure digital authentication**
- Securely access all tools needed to launch your global business online
- Register an **EU-based company** within a day from anywhere in the world
- Digitally sign and encrypt documents and contracts in line with EU standards
- Access a range of business banking and payment options
- Declare and pay taxes online
- Join a **global community** of like-minded remote entrepreneurs and startup founders

## Join Estonia's Digital Nation

**It's a simple and quick process to become an e-resident and normally takes 3-8 weeks:**

1. Gather the necessary documents for your application: government-issued photo ID, passport-style digital photo, motivation statement, Visa/Mastercard
2. Apply online in minutes at **e-resident.gov.ee** and pay the state fee (€100-€120)
3. After a review period, you'll receive an email confirming your kit is ready for pick up
4. Retrieve your kit from your chosen pickup location
5. Follow the instructions to set up and use your digital identity
6. Start taking advantage of all that Estonia's e-services offer!

## Meet the e-residents!

**Vicky Brock** is a Scottish entrepreneur, who became an e-resident in 2019. Brock's business VistalWorks develops tools to protect consumers online from criminals attempting to rob them or to sell them fake and dangerous goods. With the help of e-Residency, Brock registered VistalWorks in Estonia in parallel to her existing UK company to focus on international business development and to expand and localize tools in EU markets and beyond.

German remote entrepreneur, **Christoph Huebner** uses e-Residency to run his various businesses on the road. His Estonian company is the perfect vehicle to do so: it serves as a holding company to bill consultancy deals and supports long-term growth. E-Residency also allows Huebner to seamlessly implement remote management capabilities by using Estonia's e-services and secure signature processes.

**Notable e-residents of Estonia:** **Angela Merkel**, Former Chancellor of Germany; **Edward Lucas**, Senior Editor of The Economist; **Tim Draper**, venture capitalist; **Trevor Noah**, Host of The Daily Show; **Pope Francis**.

## Latest statistics

- over 109,000 e-residents from over 170 countries since 2014
- over 29,000 Estonian companies registered online by e-residents
- over €180million in direct economic benefits to Estonia

**For more information:** [e-resident.gov.ee](https://e-resident.gov.ee)  
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