

# MUNICIPAL ELECTIONS

## 28 May 2023

### **ESTABLISHMENT OF THE ELECTORAL ROLL of foreign residents in Spain**

*Foreign residents in Benissa wishing to vote in May must first register in the municipal census:*

#### **1.- Nationals from European Union (EU) member states**

EU citizens residing in Spain who meet the requirements to vote applicable to Spanish citizens may exert their right to active suffrage in municipal elections if they manifest their will to vote in said elections.

*Formal statements of intent to vote in Spain for municipal elections can be filled in online, by mail, or in person at the Town Hall of your place of residence.*

#### **a) Online:**

EU citizens residing in Spain may state their intention to vote in Spain in municipal elections (as well as in elections to the European Parliament, if they so wish) online by accessing the procedure on the official website of the National Institute of Statistics (INE) <https://sede.ine.gob.es/manifestacionVotoPermanente/presentacion> using the cl@ve system. This procedure is continuous.

#### **b) In the Town Hall of your place of residence:**

By filling in a formal statement form, model CERE.DFA (-1 Spanish, -2 Bilingual in Spanish and Catalan, -3 in Spanish and Basque, -4 in Spanish and Galician and -5 in Spanish and Valencian), available at IDA\_CELEC> Documentación, to be downloaded by the Town Hall. Moreover, the interested party may also download the same from the official website of the National Institute of Statistics by following the address below: <https://sede.ine.gob.es/manifestacionVotoPermanente/presentacion>.

Requesting parties may prove their identity with their foreign ID card containing their Foreign ID number, or with the ID document or passport from their country of origin.

### c) By mail

In late October, the Electoral Census Office will send a notice to EU citizens residing in Spain, with their electoral roll information pre-printed.

This notice includes an **electronic transaction key** (CTT) that will allow you to state your intent to vote in municipal elections online and without requiring access to cl@ve.

Parties receiving this letter may **state their intent to vote** in municipal elections online, either by accessing cl@ve or by using their CTT, or by mail, sending the answer to the letter directly to the Provincial Delegation of the Electoral Census Office, without having to pay postage.

**Deadline:** Registrations in the electoral census and formal statements must be made by **30 January 2023** at the latest.

## 2.- Nationals from countries with reciprocal voting right agreements for municipal elections

Residents from countries with agreements whereby the right to vote in municipal elections is acknowledged residing in Spain and meeting the requirements established to vote may request their recording in the electoral roll for the municipal elections of 28 May 2023.

Countries with agreements currently in force are: Bolivia, Cape Verde, Chile, Colombia, Korea, Ecuador, Iceland, Norway, New Zealand, Paraguay, Peru, the United Kingdom, Trinidad and Tobago.

### Conditions for registration

- a) To be eighteen years of age or older and not having one's right to active suffrage revoked.
- b) To be recorded in the Municipal census of inhabitants.
- c) To be the holder of a Spanish residency permit.
- d) To have resided legally in Spain for the time required in the appropriate agreement (three years by the day of the vote for Norwegian nationals, three years from the moment of the request for British nationals, and five years from the moment of the request for the rest of countries). This requirement may be satisfied by submitting a residency permit issued by the Police station.

*Requests for recording may be made online, by mail, or in person at the Town Hall.*

### **a) Online:**

To request recording online, interested parties must access the "Solicitud de inscripción" (Recording request) procedure through the official website of the National

Institute of Statistics, <https://sede.ine.gob.es>, certify their identity using the cl@ve system, and check the recording request option. Parties who do not have access to the cl@ve system may make their request by accessing the system with their foreign ID No. and the electronic transaction key (CTT) included in the notice.

**b) By mail:**

Interested parties must send their reply directly to the provincial delegation of the electoral census office, without having to pay postage.

**c) In the Town Hall of residence:**

Interested parties who deem that they fulfil the Town Hall's conditions may file their request in person at the Town Hall by proving their identity with their foreign ID card (foreign residents from Norway, Iceland and the United Kingdom may likewise submit their ID document or passport from their country of origin).

**Deadline:** The deadline for submissions is from **1 December 2022 to 15 January 2023**.