

XR: Legal Department – for all the rebels without Czech citizenship

Quick message for rebels from all planets of the universe who want to get permanent residence or citizenship in the Czech Republic one day and **plan to get involved in direct actions**:

- As a foreigner, you are required to carry your identity document all the time and everywhere - even in a shower. So take it with you even if you want just to support direct action participants by cheering with a slogan board. Czech citizens don't have this obligation, so if the police ask them to identify themselves, they can just happily tell them their data verbally. But in practice policemen may insist on seeing identity documents of all living creatures.
- In case you consider getting Czech citizenship or permanent residence and enjoy more dry years here, you may want to know what legal somersaults happen here now.
 - **Citizenship** is granted by the Ministry of the Interior and the full rules can be excavated from the Czech citizenship law. After your citizenship application, the Ministry asks the Police for their opinion and they tell them whether or not you are a danger for public security, democratic principles, health, material property etc., but this information is secret and the applier never gets to know what particular thing they endanger and how. Not even your lawyer, judge or wizard can see this information. Though repeatedly criticized, the procedure is still accepted by everyone including courts. The result is that the Czech Police has a great influence on granting citizenship and even a clean criminal record doesn't guarantee it will be granted.
 - **Permanent residence** is granted by the Department of asylum and migration politics of the Ministry of interior according to the Foreigner residence law. Alas, this law uses a fuzzy term 'disruption of public order' which pretty often gets applied exorbitantly broadly. So the state authorities may wave this term in your face while not granting / withdrawing your residence.
- We are confident rebels will not run into these problems if they follow the Rebellion's principles and values, but we'd like to keep the whole rebel crowd well-informed about all possible risks. If you have more question marks than exclamation marks in your head, send them to our legal department and visit NVDA trainings.
- **Love, Rage, Courage & Solidarity - we all share together, climate knows no borders.**

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