Heirs in an EU country can benefit from inheritance rights of another EU country when the rights are adapted to closely match the rights in their country of residence.

**General information**

To allow heirs or legatees to benefit from rights created or transferred to them in a cross-border succession, the **Succession Regulation** provides that a right *in rem* (right in immovable or movable property) to which an heir or legatee is entitled but which is unknown in the EU country in which the right *in rem* is invoked must be adapted to the closest equivalent right *in rem* under the law of that EU country. The aims and interests pursued by the specific right *in rem* and the effects arising from it should be taken into account when adapting the right.

In that context, the **European Judicial Network in civil and commercial matters** has published some information sheets on national law which explain:

- the rights *in rem* that could arise from a succession
- whether such rights are recorded in a register of rights in immovable or movable property
- the effects arising from their registration

**To consult an information sheet on national law and procedures for adapting rights *in rem* in an EU country, please click on the corresponding national flag on this page.**

**Related link**

**EU-ADAPT** - EU Adapt is an IT tool designed to help judges, notaries and other legal practitioners dealing with a cross-border succession to find a closest equivalent right *in rem*. The user can enter in the tool (i) the law of the Member State applicable to the succession (‘lex successionis’), (ii) the right *in rem* existing under the law of the Member State applicable to the succession (‘right *in rem*’), and (iii) the law of the Member State in which the right *in rem* is invoked (‘lex rei sitae’). The tool then provides guidance and suggests the corresponding right *in rem* under the law of the Member State in which the right is invoked.

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