

Immigration – Europe's ethnic crisis

Election advances by far-right parties have placed immigration and national identity at the top of the EC's political agenda



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Number of non-nationals
legally residing per country

UK – 2.6 million

Opposes EC plans to scrap internal passport checks. 52,400 people were granted settlement in 1990

France – 3.6 million



March – Jean-Marie Le Pen's National Front won 13.9% of vote in

regional elections. Seeks deportation of African immigrants and advocates 'France for the French'

Germany – 5.7 million

400,000 immigrants expected to apply for residence in 1991 April – Extreme Republican Party and German People's Union won seats in two state parliaments

Netherlands – 692,400

118,000 registered immigrants in 1990

Switzerland – 1.1 million

Immigrants represent 16% of the population

Austria – 413,000

Nov 91 – Far-right Freedom Party won 23 seats in Vienna's 100 seat assembly

Spain – 408,000

Excludes 90,000–170,000 illegal immigrants

Portugal – 94,000

Italy – 1 million

April – Neo-fascist Italian Socialist Movement won 5.5% of vote. Winning candidates included Alessandra Mussolini, granddaughter of 'Il Duce'. The northern Lombard League won 9% of the votes and wants curbs on immigration and regional autonomy from southern Italy

