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**Naturalisations increased by 21.1% during the first three quarters of 2021, compared to the same period in 2019 only 0.9% higher**

**Vienna**, 2021-11-16 – During the first nine months of 2021, Austrian citizenship was granted to 7 676 persons, including 1 131 persons residing abroad. According to Statistics Austria, this means that there were 21.1% more naturalisations than from January to September 2020 (6 336), but only 0.9% more than in the last comparable period before the start of the COVID-19 pandemic, the first three quarters of 2019 (7 610 naturalisations).

About one third of the naturalised persons from January to September 2021 were already born in Austria (30.4% or 2 334 persons), and more than half were women (52.3%). The share of juveniles under 18 years of age was 31.7%. Two fifths (2 995 persons or 39.0%) of the new Austrians were citizens of one of the following six countries before naturalisation: Turkey (718 or 9.4%), Bosnia and Herzegovina (617), Serbia (538), Israel (389), United States (368) and Kosovo (365).

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