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**Number of naturalisations increased by 9.2% during the first three quarters of 2019**

**Vienna**, 2019-11-20 – 7 610 persons acquired Austrian citizenship from January to September 2019, according to Statistics Austria. The number of naturalisations increased by 9.2% compared to the first nine months of 2018 (6 971 naturalisations). Females accounted for 54.2% of all naturalisations, children and juveniles up to 18 years of age for 34.6%. Over a third of the new citizens had already been born in Austria (34.7%).

In the first three quarters of 2019, the largest groups of naturalised people were former citizens of Bosnia and Herzegovina (819), Turkey (669), Serbia (642), Kosovo (473), the Russian Federation (310), Afghanistan (278), Romania (273) and Ukraine (270). About half (49.1%) of all naturalised persons held citizenship of one of these eight countries before being naturalised.

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