

## **The political inclusion of immigrant populations**

At the beginning of the 1980s, the procedure for becoming Belgian was lengthy, taking between 5 years for "lesser" naturalisation and 7 years for "greater" naturalisation, giving access to the right to vote and stand for election.

The more flexible acquisition of nationality and the right to vote has enabled the "production of nationals and voters" since the mid-1980s. Since then, the world of Belgian politics has embraced diversity.