



European Parliament overwhelmingly approves Ukraine visa waiver

6 April 2017 – Associated Press

The European Parliament has overwhelmingly backed plans to allow Ukrainian citizens for short stays in the EU countries without visas. When the decision enters into force, Ukrainians who have biometric passports will be able to enter the Schengen zone for up to 90 days within any 180-day period.

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EU Ambassadors approve visa liberalization for Ukraine

26 April 2017 – Radio Free Europe

EU ambassadors have approved visa liberalization for Ukraine, a key step toward closer ties and visa-free travel to the EU for Ukrainians. EU ministers are now set to rubber-stamp the decision on May 11, and the signing ceremony is expected to take place in Strasbourg on May 17.

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Over 3 million biometric passports issued to Ukrainians

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Head of the State Migration Service of Ukraine Maksym Sokoliuk says that over 3 million biometric passports for travelling abroad have been issued to Ukrainian citizens. According to Mr. Sokoliuk, it is planned to issue additional 2 million biometric passports in 2017.

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Ukrainians increase trips abroad by 6.5 per cent in 2016

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Some 24.7 million Ukrainians travelled abroad in 2016, which is 6.5 per cent more than in 2015, the Economic Development and Trade Ministry informed with reference to the State Border Guard Service (SBGS) data. According to the SBGS, most often Ukrainian citizens visit Poland – 41 per cent of all trips. In two years the number of Ukrainians visiting Poland increased by one-third.

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Ukrainian labour migrants are looking west

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Poland could soon overtake Russia as the main attraction for Ukrainians looking for work abroad. While in 2006 just 7 per cent of Ukrainians said they wanted to work in Poland, by 2015 it increased to 30 per cent, according Anastasiia Vynnychenko, labour migration project manager at the International Organization for Migration, Mission in Ukraine.

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Ukrainians fall victims to traffickers mainly in Russia and Poland

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The Ministry of Interior (Mol) of Ukraine proclaimed 2017 as the year of counter-trafficking. According to the law enforcement bodies, the number of such crimes has increased significantly over recent years. In 2016, over 1,000 Ukrainians requested reintegration assistance from the International Organization for Migration (IOM). Most of Ukrainian victims of trafficking are exploited in Russia. However over recent years, the number of identified victims who suffered in Poland increased.

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Government approves labour migrants reintegration action plan

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The Cabinet of Ministers of Ukraine approved the action plan for reintegration of labour migrants and their family members into society. Inter alia, the plan foresees creation of favourable conditions for returning to Ukraine of scientists and artists, qualified specialists and professionals whose work is on demand for the national economy.

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