



## EU-Ukraine Association Agreement fully enters into force

1 September 2017 – European Commission – Press release

The Association Agreement between the European Union and Ukraine entered fully into force on 1 September.

The Agreement, including its Deep and Comprehensive Free Trade Area (DCFTA), is the main tool for bringing Ukraine and the EU closer: it promotes deeper political ties and stronger economic links, as well as respect for common European values. The DCFTA provides a framework for modernising Ukraine's trade relations and economic development by opening up markets and harmonising laws, standards and regulations with EU and international norms.

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## Poroshenko: Ukraine to impose new border-crossing rules for 'risky' countries

1 September 2017 – President of Ukraine official website

Starting from 1 January 2018, Ukraine will introduce new rules for citizens from countries that 'pose risks' entering Ukraine. This change in border control was announced by President Poroshenko who was speaking to journalists in Kharkiv.

"Crossing the border from the countries that pose risks for Ukraine will be possible with biometric passports. Otherwise, biometric data of those who do not have such passports will be recorded at the border," the President said.

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## Cabinet instructs Foreign Ministry, Security Service to place Russia on list of migration risk countries

13 September 2017 – Interfax

The Cabinet of Ministers of Ukraine has instructed the Ministry of Foreign Affairs and the Security Service to include Russia in the list of migration risk countries by 30 September.

In addition, the Government ordered the Interior Ministry, the State Border Guard Service, the State Migration Service, the Foreign Intelligence Service, and the Security Service to enhance control over the travel of foreigners, including Russian citizens, and stateless persons into and out of Ukraine.

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## Polish–Ukrainian rail connections expanded

1 September 2017 – Railway Gazette

Passenger lines between Poland and Ukraine have been improved with the launch of Ukrainian Railways Intercity+ service from Przemyśl to Kyiv via Lviv, Ternopil and Vinnytsia on 24 August.

The second cross-border Intercity+ service follows the launch of a Przemyśl – Kyiv service via Lviv and Korosten last December that proved to be popular. According to some estimates, there are more than one million Ukrainians working in Poland.

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## More youth and higher wages: National Bank of Poland published data about Ukrainian migrant workers

15 September 2017 – Yevropeiska Pravda

The National Bank of Poland together with Warsaw University conducted and presented a study on Ukrainian migrant workers and their impact on Polish economy.

The number of Ukrainian citizens working in Poland is estimated at 770,000 as of the end of 2016. The number of workers, therefore, increased almost fourfold over the past three years.

In 2013, more than half (56%) of Ukrainian workers were employed in Mazovia Province that includes Warsaw. However, the share of the capital region fell to 28% in 2016, as more Ukrainians found work in other regions of Poland.

The majority (58.7%) of Ukrainians working in Poland are experienced labour migrants, who on average have already been to Poland nine times, visiting it two-three times a year.

A special phenomenon of the last three years was the wave of new migrants – 41.3% arrived in Poland for the first time in 2014 or later. Other novelties are the growth of the number of young workers with higher education, and the growing share of labour migrants from eastern and southern regions of Ukraine. Over the last couple of years, their share increased from 6.3% to 28.4%.

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## Ukraine counts on completing of state border demarcation with Moldova by the New Year

8 September 2017 – KyivPost

Prime Minister of Ukraine, Volodymyr Groysman, at a meeting with Prime Minister of Moldova, Pavel Filip, said that Ukraine counts on completing the demarcation of the state border with Moldova by the end of 2017.

According to the report, active work is underway to develop the border infrastructure. Joint control at the checkpoint Kuchurgan was introduced, and soon the bridge at Bronnytsia-Ungur will be opened. The plans include the construction of a new bridge at Yampol-Soroka over the Dniester River and the restoration of the railway junction on the Berezyne-Basarabeasca section.

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## Migrant flow through Ukraine grew by 26% in 2017 – Border Guard Service

13 September 2017 – Ukrinform

The number of irregular migrants, who are seeking to enter the EU through Ukraine, has grown by 26% in 2017, according to a spokesperson of the State Border Guard Service, Oleh Slobodian. Mr. Slobodian

said that this year alone, border guards detained about 2,000 irregular migrants and about 3,000 people were banned from entering the territory of Ukraine.

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## **EU ready to help Ukraine create an interdepartmental border management agency**

26 September 2017 – Interfax-Ukraine

Chairman of the State Border Service of Ukraine, Petro Tsyhykal, and Head of the EU Delegation to Ukraine, Hugues Mingarelli, discussed the prospects for the creation of an interdepartmental coordinating agency for integrated border management, the press office of the State Border Guard Service has reported.

According to Mr. Tsyhykal, the State Border Service is now debating the issue of creating an interdepartmental coordinating agency that will unite all subjects of integrated border management and be coordinated by an authorized person at the level of minister or deputy prime minister of Ukraine.

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## **President at the UN Security Council: Ukraine needs UN's peacekeeping shoulder**

20 September 2017 – President of Ukraine Official Website

“Ukrainian blue helmets have participated in UN operations throughout the world. In many cases, they indeed were instrumental in reaching peace – from the Balkans to Africa... But, today we need the UN’s peacekeeping shoulder too,” President Petro Poroshenko said during the high-level open debate of the United Nations Security Council on the Reform of the UN Peacekeeping: Implementation and Follow-up.

“In order to restore peace in my country, back in spring 2015, I officially requested the President of the Security Council to initiate appropriate procedures for the deployment of a UN peacekeeping operation in Ukraine. It has since gained additional urgency,” Petro Poroshenko stressed.

The President also reaffirmed the invitation to the Secretary-General to exercise his authority under the Charter and to send a Technical Assessment Mission to Ukraine. Based on the mission’s analysis, possible options of the UN political and security presence in the Donbas should be elaborated and presented for further consideration to the Security Council.

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## **UN Human Rights Office urges Russia to respect international law in Crimea**

25 September 2017 – The Washington Post

The report, drawn up by the U.N. Human Rights Office under an existing request from Ukraine’s Government, chronicles alleged rights violations and abuses in Crimea since Russia annexed the peninsula from Ukraine in 2014.

The report urges Russia to “effectively investigate” alleged torture, abductions and killings on the peninsula, while decrying denials of access to its own team — and urges the international community to support a push for that access.

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