



## EU Ambassador expects that visa-free travel for Ukrainians enters into force by late June

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The Head of the EU Delegation to Ukraine, Hugues Mingarelli hopes that visa-free regime for Ukrainian citizens will come into force before the end of June this year. “Ukraine has fulfilled all its obligations to get visa-free regime,” Ambassador Mingarelli said at a briefing in Lviv.

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## Ukrainians received a record number of multiple-entry Schengen visas in 2016

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In 2016, the Schengen States marked a record in issuing multiple-entry visas to Ukrainians, NGO “Europe without Barriers” reports with the reference to the European Commission’s statistics. 817,000, or almost 60% from the total number of Schengen visas received by Ukrainian citizens in 2016, were multiple-entry ones.

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## Ukraine to simplify entry for foreigners

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In early April, Ukraine will introduce a simplified visa regime for foreigners, the Ministry of Foreign Affairs reported. In particular, period of time to obtain visa will be shortened to 10 days and 5 days in urgent cases. Unified visa fee rate of USD 65 will be established (previously, consular fee could differ from USD 85 to USD 200). Every citizen will be able to invite a foreigner with a document approved by the notary. List of countries whose nationals can get a visa at the border checkpoint will be increased to 23 including China and Australia. Visa validity term will be prolonged to 90 days from current 45 days.

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## Ukrainian Government establishes almost 4,000 immigration quota for 2017

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The Cabinet of Ministers of Ukraine established the immigration quota for foreigners and stateless persons at the level of 3,963 persons in 2017. A non-limited quota is established for scientists and artists, as well as persons who have invested at least USD 100,000 into the Ukrainian economy. In addition, the quota does not apply to highly qualified professionals and recognized victims of human trafficking who have been permanently living in Ukraine for three years.

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## Poland can't get enough of Ukrainian migrants

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Not even a million Ukrainians who have come to Poland since 2014 have been enough to sate country's labour market stretched by record-low unemployment and economic growth on track to top 3 per cent in 2017.

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## Some 3,000 Ukrainians detained and arrested in the Czech Republic in 2016

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In 2016, the Czech law enforcement services detained and arrested 1,278 Ukrainian citizens, 1,035 out of them were irregular migrants, according to the Consular Department of the Embassy of Ukraine to the Czech Republic. According to official data, over 120,000 Ukrainian labour migrants stay in the Czech Republic. The majority of them reside in Prague or in the central part of the country.

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## 800 persons to be recruited by the State Border Guard Service under a new initiative

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The State Border Guard Service of Ukraine (SBGS) launched a new stage of its project "New Face of the Border." The project launching event at the Boryspil airport was attended by Prime Minister Volodymyr Groysman, Minister of Internal Affairs Arsen Avakov, the U.S. Ambassador to Ukraine Marie Yovanovitch and the Head of the State Border Guard Service Viktor Nazarenko.

The Project is supported by the International Organization for Migration with funding from the U.S. Department of State.

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