



EU approves visa-free travel for Ukrainians

11 May 2017 – Al Jazeera

The European Union has adopted a regulation granting visa-free travel for Ukrainians, fulfilling a key promise to cement ties with Kyiv. Under the regulation, Ukrainian citizens holding a biometric passport can travel to an EU country for up to 90 days out of any 180-day period for business, tourism or family purposes. The measure will not apply to Ireland and the UK and travelers will not be permitted to work in the EU member states.

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EU wants as many people from eastern Ukraine as possible to visit Europe

25 May 2017 – Interfax

The European Union would like to see as many people from the eastern regions of Ukraine as possible to visit the EU countries, Head of the EU Delegation to Ukraine, Hugues Mingarelli, has said. The ambassador noted that according to the data made available to him, only 4-5% of the residents of eastern Ukraine have ever been to an EU country, while in the western regions this figure is 20-25%.

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"I think that we are well prepared. Ukraine has already fulfilled all the requirements during the implementation of the action plan for visa liberalization. Therefore, I do not think that there should be any additional security measures," Vice Prime Minister of Ukraine for European and Euro-Atlantic Integration, Ivanna Klympush-Tsintsadze, said in an interview with journalists, answering a question whether there is a plan to strengthen security on the state border of Ukraine after the visa-free regime with the EU member states comes into force.

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Ukraine, Switzerland sign agreements on visa liberalization, readmission

7 June 2017 – Ukrinform

Ukraine and Switzerland have signed agreements on simplification of visa regime and readmission within the framework of the visit of Swiss Foreign Minister, Didier Burkhalter, to Kyiv. Ukrainian Foreign Minister, Pavlo Klimkin, noted that the visa liberalization with Switzerland had been negotiated in such a way that it worked "at the same level as that with the European Union". Mr. Klimkin added that the parties discussed the bilateral agenda and cooperation within the framework of international organizations.

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Some 2,700 refugees officially registered in Ukraine, 4,000 halfway through obtaining status

20 June 2017 – Interfax

In Ukraine, 2,700 foreigners have been granted refugee status so far, the Head of the State Migration Service of Ukraine, Maksym Sokoliuk, said. He added that around 4,000 more people are in the process of obtaining the status. "These are people from different countries – Somalia, Afghanistan, Syria... The IDPs and refugees have the same rights. There is a difference in terms, but there is no difference in relation to treatment of people," Mr. Sokoliuk told journalists in Kyiv.

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Turkey publishes agreement with Ukraine on travel with ID cards

21 May 2017 – UNIAN

Resmi Gazete, the official newspaper of the Republic of Turkey, has published the agreement with Ukraine on passport-free travel for citizens of both countries with the use of ID cards, according to the Chairman of the State Migration Service of Ukraine, Maksym Sokoliuk. As reported earlier, Ukraine's Foreign Ministry announced in March it expected that the Ukraine-Turkey agreement on mutual travel with the use of ID cards would become effective early this summer.

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Poland to provide one million euro to improve border zone with Ukraine

16 May 2017 – KyivPost

Polish Ambassador to Ukraine, Yan Pieklo, has announced the provision of one million euro for improvement of the joint Ukrainian-Polish border zone. Mr. Pieklo also said that migration from Ukraine would not be a threat to the European Union after the visa free regime is introduced.

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Trump approves consolidated budget providing USD 560 mln aid to Ukraine

6 May 2017 – Interfax

U.S. President Donald Trump on May 5 signed a bill on budget spending of almost USD 1.2 trillion. As reported, on May 5 the U.S. Congress approved the national budget, providing aid to Ukraine in the amount of at least \$560 million.

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Well-known writers, artists and sportsmen supported the event *Alley of Dreams* (Video)

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On International Children's Day, the International Organization for Migration (IOM) with the support of Global Affairs Canada and the United States Agency for International Development (USAID) and in cooperation with Ukrainian celebrities, government agencies, partner civil society organizations and socially responsible businesses, organized an outdoor event for children – *the Alley of Dreams* – to raise awareness about protection of children's rights.

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Poland weighs benefits of surge in migrants from Ukraine

28 May 2017 – Financial Times

Almost 1.3m Ukrainians last year received temporary work registrations in Poland and 116,000 received longer-term work permits. Both figures have leapt six-fold since 2013. A little over 6,000 Ukrainians have sought asylum in Poland since 2014, according to official figures. The majority of Ukrainians in Poland are working-age, economic migrants attracted by the prospect of earning five times as much as they can doing the same job in Ukraine, thanks in part to a sharp devaluation of the Ukrainian currency.

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