

CHANCES FOR VISA-FREE REGIME

The document was prepared on the basis of interview with representatives of Ministry of Internal Affairs, Ministry of Foreign Affairs and NGOs of Poland, Lithuania, Slovakia, Hungary, Netherlands, Sweden, Italy, Germany, Czech Republic, France conducted during 2015.

EUROPEANS ARE CONCERNED ABOUT:

EUROPEANS ARE LESS CONCERNED ABOUT:



Implementation of reforms fighting against corruption

Military conflict in the eastern Ukraine



Lack of progress in the money laundering activities

Potential increasing of Ukrainian asylum seekers



Combating organized crime

Potential increasing of Ukrainian labour migrants



SECURITY RISKS WHICH NOTE THE EUROPEAN EXPERTS:



Weapons and terrorists penetration from the conflict area to the EU



Increase of smuggling and human trafficking



Lack of control over delimitation line in the conflict area



Transit of third country migrants to the EU

MAIN SUPPORTERS

NEUTRAL ATTITUDE



Slovakia



Lithuania



Italy



Germany



Czech Republic



Hungary



Poland



Netherlands



Sweden



France

CONCLUSION:

The EU is ready to support the visa-free regime in case of implementation all technical criteria of Visa Liberalization Action Plan



UKRAINE'S CHANCES FOR VISA-FREE REGIME:

 **NETHERLANDS**

The document was prepared on the basis of interviews with representatives of the Ministries of Internal and Foreign Affairs of the Netherlands and Dutch NGOs



**STATUS:
NEUTRAL**

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MIGRATION RISKS:



No risks

IMPACT OF THE CONFLICT IN EASTERN UKRAINE:



Depends on the position of the EU

SECURITY RISKS:



Infiltration of armed groups in the EU

IMPLEMENTATION OF VLAD*



Slow implementation of reforms in the fight against corruption



Slow implementation of reforms in tackling money laundering



Slow implementation of reforms in the criminal justice sphere

*Visa liberalization action plan

POLITICAL WILL TO ABOLISH VISA-REGIME:



Support



Visa policy is the exclusive domain of the EU

UKRAINE'S CHANCES FOR VISA-FREE REGIME:

 **LITHUANIA**

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**STATUS:
SUPPORTIVE**

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MIGRATION RISKS:



Low risks



Demand for Ukrainian workers

IMPACT OF THE CONFLICT IN EASTERN UKRAINE:



Absence of border control in certain parts of Eastern Ukraine

SECURITY RISKS:



Infiltration of armed groups and terrorists



Increasing number of asylum seekers

IMPLEMENTATION OF VLAD*



No consolidated position



Slow implementation of reforms

*Visa liberalization action plan

POLITICAL WILL TO ABOLISH VISA-REGIME:



Strong support



Depends on the implementation of reforms in Ukraine

UKRAINE'S CHANCES FOR VISA-FREE REGIME:

 **SLOVAK REPUBLIC**

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UKRAINE'S CHANCES FOR VISA-FREE REGIME:

 **GERMANY**

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MIGRATION RISKS:



At the moment, no significant growth of asylum seekers



Might be used by policy makers as a counterargument

IMPACT OF THE CONFLICT IN EASTERN UKRAINE:



But concerns about a possible increase of asylum seekers

SECURITY RISKS:



Penetration the terrorists into the EU because of insufficient border control in the Eastern Ukraine

IMPLEMENTATION OF VLAD*



Slow implementation of reforms in the fight against corruption



Many reforms is slowing down in organized crime

*Visa liberalization action plan

POLITICAL WILL TO ABOLISH VISA-REGIME:



General support exists



Positively influenced by the in general most supportive role of the Slovak Republic for Ukraine



Depends on the progress of the implementation of reforms

MIGRATION RISKS:



Increasing number of asylum seekers for economic reasons



Against the background of the conflict in the East of Ukraine, Germany might be in favor of the visa liberalization in order to support President Poroshenko

SECURITY RISKS:



Low control the borders in conflict zones



Transit of migrants from Central Asia and Middle East to the EU

IMPLEMENTATION OF VLAD*



Slow implementation of reforms in the fight against corruption

*Visa liberalization action plan

POLITICAL WILL TO ABOLISH VISA-REGIME:



Overall support exists



Influenced by active anti-Ukrainian propaganda



Influenced by the situation with refugees from the Middle East

UKRAINE'S CHANCES FOR VISA-FREE REGIME:

 **FRANCE**

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UKRAINE'S CHANCES FOR VISA-FREE REGIME:

 **HUNGARY**

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MIGRATION RISKS:



Low risks

IMPACT OF THE CONFLICT IN EASTERN UKRAINE:



No influence

SECURITY RISKS:



Infiltration of terrorists and weapons because of insufficient border control



Increasing number of asylum seekers

IMPLEMENTATION OF VLAD*



So far only declarative reforms in the field of law enforcement

*Visa liberalization action plan

POLITICAL WILL TO ABOLISH VISA-REGIME:



General support exists



Influenced by Ukraine's implementation of the requirements of VLAP



Influenced by the situation with refugees from the Middle East

UKRAINE'S CHANCES FOR VISA-FREE REGIME:

POLAND

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UKRAINE'S CHANCES FOR VISA-FREE REGIME:

CZECH REPUBLIC

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MIGRATION RISKS:



Low migration risk

IMPACT OF THE CONFLICT IN EASTERN UKRAINE:



No influence on the final decision

SECURITY RISKS:



Unsufficient control of people and goods in the conflict zone in Eastern Ukraine



Increased level of cross-border crime



Increased level of smuggling of goods and human trafficking

IMPLEMENTATION OF VLAD*



Noticeable progress in fulfilling the technical criteria

* Visa liberalization action plan

POLITICAL WILL TO ABOLISH VISA-REGIME:



General support exists



Depends on Ukraine's capability to deal with migration challenges



Strongly influenced by Russian propaganda

MIGRATION RISKS:



Do not see the migration risks

IMPACT OF THE CONFLICT IN EASTERN UKRAINE:



Dual effect: on the one hand it might speed up the decision in favor of Ukraine, but on the other hand it might allow politicians to justify to postpone a decision

SECURITY RISKS:



Human trafficking of minors through employment agencies



Weak control of the Ukrainian border in conflict zone

EVALUATION OF VLAD*:



Slow implementation of reforms in the fight against corruption



Slow implementation of reforms of the Ministry of Interior and the State Migration Service



Gaps in policies on asylum and refugees and combating human trafficking

POLITICAL WILL TO ABOLISH VISA-REGIME:

* Visa liberalization action plan



General support exists



Influenced by the fact that this is not a priority on the Czech agenda



Influenced by the fact that this is not a priority on the Czech agenda

UKRAINE'S CHANCES FOR VISA-FREE REGIME:



ITALY

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MIGRATION RISKS:



Increase of the level of migration



Demand for Ukrainian workers

IMPACT OF THE CONFLICT IN EASTERN UKRAINE:



Low level of influence

SECURITY RISKS:



Infiltration of terrorists into the EU because of insufficient border control in Eastern Ukraine



Due to high unemployment rates in Italy, Ukrainian emigrants lose/cannot find jobs and might become involved in criminal activities

IMPLEMENTATION OF VLAP*



Slow implementation of reforms tackling money laundering



Slow implementation of reforms in the fight against corruption

*Visa liberalization action plan

POLITICAL WILL TO ABOLISH VISA-REGIME:



General support exists



Influenced by the situation with refugees from the Middle East



Influenced by the high level of trade relations with the Russian Federation

UKRAINE'S CHANCES FOR VISA-FREE REGIME:



SWEDEN

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MIGRATION RISKS:



At the moment, no significant growth of asylum seekers



But concerns about a possible increase of asylum seekers

IMPACT OF THE CONFLICT IN EASTERN UKRAINE:



Low risks

SECURITY RISKS:



Infiltration of terrorists and weapons because of insufficient border control



Human trafficking



Drug smuggling

IMPLEMENTATION OF VLAP*



Slow implementation of reforms in the fight against corruption



Slow implementation of reforms in tackling money laundering

*Visa liberalization action plan

POLITICAL WILL TO ABOLISH VISA-REGIME:



General support exists



Depends on Ukraine's implementation of the requirements of VLAP