



**COUNCIL OF
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**VISA 83
COMIX 248**

OUTCOME OF PROCEEDINGS

from: Visa Working Party/Mixed Committee
(EU-Iceland/Liechtenstein/Norway/Switzerland)
on: 17 April 2012
Subject: **Summary of discussions**

1. Draft Regulation of the European Parliament and of the Council amending Council Regulation (EC) No 539/2001 listing the third countries whose nationals must be in possession of visas when crossing the external borders and those whose nationals are exempt from that requirement

The **Chair** reported to the Working Party on the outcome of the meeting of Coreper on 4 April 2012 and on the further steps to be taken by the Presidency with a view to the negotiations with the European Parliament.

2. Amendments to the Schengen Borders Code - Duration of stay

NO presented an electronic calculator developed jointly by the Norwegian authorities and the Commission in order to calculate the duration of stay of third-country nationals within the Schengen area (see attached in Annex I).

The **Commission Representative** (COM) invited delegations to test the calculator as pilot software at national level and to forward any comments they might have to the Commission and NO. COM also reported on the state of play of the negotiations with the European Parliament on the draft Regulation aimed at amending the Schengen Borders Code¹.

The **Chair** recalled that the calculator could only be used in a testing environment for the time being since the legislation required to render it officially valid for calculating duration of stay had not yet entered into force.

3. Other business

a. 2012 UEFA European Football Championship (EURO 2012)

PL presented the information contained in DS 1269/12.

b. Processing times in Member States' consulates in Saudi Arabia

COM reported on the situation in Saudi Arabia in relation to processing times for short-stay visa applications, which remain relatively long according to the Saudi authorities.

Some delegations further drew attention to the long delay in Saudi Arabia for processing visa applications lodged by nationals of Member States.

COM invited delegations to send in writing any comments about the procedure for national consultations that Member States might have in relation to Saudi nationals. **COM** stated that the need for reciprocity in reducing time for processing applications would be raised with the Saudi's authorities.

¹ See proposal of the Commission amending Council Regulation (EC) No 562/2006 of the European Parliament and of the Council establishing a Community Code on the rules governing the movement of persons across borders (Schengen Borders Code) and the Convention implementing the Schengen Agreement in 7661/11 FRONT 31 CODEC 404 COMIX 158 (COM(2011) 118 final).

c. Asylum seekers from the EU to Canada

BG asked the Commission about a proposal by Canada with a view to concluding a cooperation agreement between Canada and the EU on managing the flow of asylum seekers from the EU to Canada.

COM reported on several draft measures suggested by Canada to face the increase of asylum seekers from the EU and said that regular contacts were taking place between the Commission and Canada concerning that issue.

After an exchange of views, **COM** pointed out that the Commission had been working hard at high level in relation to the non-reciprocity issue with Canada and agreed that the asylum aspects of the issue would be better dealt with by the Working Party responsible for the common policy on asylum.

d. Olympic and Paralympic Games - London 2012 - Members of the Olympic Family holding an Accreditation card

UK gave an overview of the status of the Accreditation Card in the Member States and in Ireland.

e. VIS roll-out in the Near East

AT raised concerns about the alleged non-uniform implementation of the provisions of the Visa Code by the Member States following the roll-out of the VIS in the Near East (2nd region).

COM said that the information campaign in the countries concerned regarding the go-live date on 10 May 2012 was still ongoing and asked delegations to forward to the Commission any concrete information they might have about any incorrect implementation.

Electronic calculation of stay in the Schengen area...

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... if **”no more than 90 days in any 180 day-period”**

- based on the proposal amending the Schengen Borders Code (doc.8264/12/Front 50) art.5 paragraph 1
- developed by the Norwegian Immigration Directorate (which owns the copyright) in collaboration with the EU-Commission
- programming language is Java, currently one of the most popular programming languages in use
- java-applet (run in web-browsers like Google chrome, Internet Explorer, Opera etc.)

2 FUNCTIONS

- VISA
calculation of possible stay(s) for visa applicants
as well as for third country nationals not submitted to the
visa
- CONTROL
overstay (or not) of the third country national already in the
Schengen-area or at the border

Date of entry/control:

Visa
 Control

Enter previous stay(s) in the Schengen area:

From:	To:	Days
<input type="text" value="1.1.2012"/>	<input type="text" value="15.1.2012"/>	<input type="text" value="15"/>
<input type="text" value="15.2.2012"/>	<input type="text" value="30.3.2012"/>	<input type="text" value="45"/>

The stay may be authorized for up to:30 day(s)

UDI
Norwegian Directorate
of Immigration

Further possible developments

- All EU/Schengen languages
- Different dateformats (ddmmyy, dd/mm/yy)
- Number of days in previous stay(s) counting for the calculation: add one more column
- More than 16 lines for previous stays
- Checking for inconsistency/overlap in previous stays
- ? Others

any comments within June 15th 2012

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USERS



Primarily

- Foreign missions
- Immigration authorities
- Border guards
- Police
- Visa applicants and
- Third country nationals not submitted to the visa

but also free access to any public or private person

Example 1.2 COM non paper (p.1-2)

Date of entry/control:

 Visa

 Control

Enter previous stay(s) in the Schengen area:

From:	To:	Days
27.10.2010	6.11.2010	11
28.12.2010	9.1.2011	13
6.3.2011	15.3.2011	10

Start of 90 days period:16.12.2010
Start of 180 days period:17.09.2010

The stay may be authorized for up to:67 day(s)

Date of entry/control:

 Visa

 Control

Enter previous stay(s) in the Schengen area:

From:	To:	Days
27.10.2010	6.11.2010	11
28.12.2010	9.1.2011	13
6.3.2011	10.5.2011	66

Start of 90 days period:10.02.2011
Start of 180 days period:12.11.2010

The stay may be authorized for up to:11 day(s)

Date of entry/control:

 Visa

 Control

Enter previous stay(s) in the Schengen area:

From:	To:	Days
27.10.2010	6.11.2010	11
28.12.2010	9.1.2011	13
6.3.2011	21.5.2011	77

Start of 90 days period:21.02.2011
Start of 180 days period:23.11.2010

The stay may be authorized for up to:0 day(s)

At 26.06.2011 a stay may be authorized for 13 days



Example 2 (MEV for 2 years) COM *non paper* (p.3)

Date of entry/control:

Visa
 Control

Enter previous stay(s) in the Schengen area:

From:	To:	Days
14.8.2009	30.8.2009	17
15.12.2009	1.02.2010	49

Start of 90 days period: 04.11.2009
 Start of 180 days period: 06.08.2009

The stay may be authorized for up to: 41 day(s)

Date of entry/control:

Visa
 Control

Enter previous stay(s) in the Schengen area:

From:	To:	Days
14.8.2009	30.8.2009	17
15.12.2009	25.2.2010	73

Start of 90 days period: 29.11.2009
 Start of 180 days period: 31.08.2009

The stay may be authorized for up to: 17 day(s)

(continue) Example 2 (MEV) COM *non paper*

Date of entry/control:

Visa
 Control

Enter previous stay(s) in the Schengen area:

From:	To:	Days
14.8.2009	30.8.2009	17
15.12.2009	13.3.2010	89
<input type="text"/>	<input type="text"/>	<input type="text"/>
<input type="text"/>	<input type="text"/>	<input type="text"/>

Start of 90 days period: 15.12.2009
 Start of 180 days period: 16.09.2009

The stay may be authorized for up to: 1 day(s)

Date of entry/control:

Visa
 Control

Enter previous stay(s) in the Schengen area:

From:	To:	Days
14.8.2009	30.8.2009	<input type="text"/>
15.12.2009	22.06.2010	<input type="text"/>
<input type="text"/>	<input type="text"/>	<input type="text"/>
<input type="text"/>	<input type="text"/>	<input type="text"/>

Ex. KOM 2.4



Example 3 COM *non paper* (p.4)

Date of entry/control:

Calculate

Visa

Reset

Control

Enter previous stay(s) in the Schengen area:

Ex. KOM 3 ▼

From:	To:	Days
01.1.2011	15.1.2011	15
15.2.2011	30.04.2011	75

Start of 90 days period:02.04.2011
Start of 180 days period:02.01.2011

The stay may be authorized for up to:15 day(s)

Special example

Date of entry/control: 10.06.2012

Calculate

Visa

Reset

Control

Enter previous stay(s) in the Schengen area:

Ex. KOM 4 ▼

From:	To:	Days
14.8.2011	30.8.2011	17
15.12.2011	13.03.2012	90

Start of 90 days period:13.03.2012
Start of 180 days period:14.12.2011

The stay may be authorized for up to:0 day(s)
At 12.06.2012 a stay may be authorized for 90 days



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MEETING DOCUMENT

from:	Polish delegation
to:	Visa Working Party
on:	17 April 2012
Subject:	Information on the visa aspects of the preparations for the 2012 UEFA European Football Championship (EURO 2012)

Poland and Ukraine are jointly hosting EURO 2012 (8.06-1.07).

This will be a true sporting festivity and the aim of the Polish consular services is to enable smooth delivery of visas to the applicants within the framework provided for in the Schengen *acquis*.

Facilitating the issuance of visas does not mean that automatic decisions will be taken. The Visa Code will continue to be applied in full, in conjunction with the SIS and national database checks and assessment of the risk of illegal immigration.

In the case of those citizens of third countries who are subject to a visa requirement, only the visa or the residence permit together with a valid travel document will allow them to enter the Schengen territory. No other documents will be acceptable for this purpose, such as tickets for the football matches, invitations, vouchers for tickets, Polish Passes (see below), or hotel reservations.

Visa-related preparations for EURO 2012 include the following activities:

1. Poland has increased the number of personnel involved directly in the issuance of visas (separate from the additional staffing devoted to consular assistance):
 - Moscow – 6 consuls and 4 administrative personnel;
 - Kaliningrad – 3 consuls and 4 administrative personnel;
 - St. Petersburg – 1 consul and 1 administrator;
 - Kiev – 1 consul and 2 administrative personnel.

These numbers may be further increased, if need be.

2. Poland plans to keep the rest of the outsourcing centres in Ukraine (14 in total) and the two in RF (Moscow and Kazan) open until June 2012.
3. In all Polish consular posts the maximum number of reception desks will be open. If necessary, the operating hours will be extended and services will also be provided on Saturdays and Sundays.
4. Poland has replaced and upgraded the computer hardware in order to ensure the smooth functioning of IT equipment.

Procedure for issuing visas

1. Each visa issued will be marked EURO 2012.
2. Spectators will obtain visas after presentation of an original ticket or confirmation that they will receive a ticket at the stadium, but do not need to present hotel reservations.
3. Spectators planning to be present in “fan zones” must apply in accordance with the general rules in the Schengen *acquis*.
4. A decision will be taken on each application as soon as possible on the basis of the "green corridor" rule (priority treatment without charging express fee).
5. EURO 2012 participants, that is the players, referees, coaches, doctors, FIFA and UEFA personnel, will be granted visas after presentation of an original letter of accreditation issued by UEFA confirming their participation in the competition. The visas for EURO 2012 participants will be issued cost-free, without the necessity of personal appearance of applicants.

More information: the Polish Guide and the Polish Pass

1. Further information concerning participation in EURO 2012 can be obtained from the Polish Guide website www.polishguide2012.pl and from www.2012.org.pl.
2. Spectators will be able to make use of the "Polish Pass" that is designed to integrate the booking of accommodation, travel arrangements and the purchase of insurance on line (www.polishpass.org). It will be an electronic (print-it-yourself) voucher enabling tourists and football fans to discover Poland and to buy unique products on line, designed specifically for travel in 2012.

At the same time, specific activities will be coordinated between the police and the border authorities. The relevant Council Working Parties concerning consular¹, police cooperation and frontiers have also been informed of the EURO 2012 preparations.

¹ See the conclusions of the COCON Seminar on "Consular cooperation during major sporting events – Euro 2012 case study" held in Warsaw on 3–4 October 2011 during the Polish Presidency. In-depth coordination is provided to this end under Local Consular Cooperation.