

EU Documents

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The policy area of migration and asylum in the EU is governed by different legislative instruments - regulations, directives and decisions. This section contains the most important ones.

Visa policy:

[COUNCIL REGULATION \(EC\) No 1683/95 of 29 May 1995 laying down a uniform format for visas](#)

[REGULATION \(EC\) No 767/2008 OF THE EUROPEAN PARLIAMENT AND OF THE COUNCIL of 9 July 2008 concerning the Visa Information System \(VIS\) and the exchange of data between Member States on short-stay visas \(VIS Regulation\)](#)

[REGULATION \(EC\) No 810/2009 OF THE EUROPEAN PARLIAMENT AND OF THE COUNCIL of 13 July 2009 establishing a Community Code on Visas \(Visa Code\)](#)

[REGULATION \(EU\) 2019/592 OF THE EUROPEAN PARLIAMENT AND OF THE COUNCIL of 10 April 2019 amending Regulation \(EU\) 2018/1806 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, as regards the withdrawal of the United Kingdom from the Union](#)

[REGULATION \(EU\) No 265/2010 OF THE EUROPEAN PARLIAMENT AND OF THE COUNCIL of 25 March 2010 amending the Convention Implementing the Schengen Agreement and Regulation \(EC\) No 562/2006 as regards movement of persons with a long-stay visa](#)

[DECISION No 1105/2011/EU OF THE EUROPEAN PARLIAMENT AND OF THE COUNCIL of 25 October 2011 on the list of travel documents which entitle the holder to cross the external borders and which may be endorsed with a visa and on setting up a mechanism for establishing this list](#)

[REGULATION \(EU\) 2017/1370 OF THE EUROPEAN PARLIAMENT AND OF THE COUNCIL of 4 July 2017 amending Council Regulation \(EC\) No 1683/95 laying down a uniform format for visas](#)

[REGULATION \(EU\) 2018/1806 OF THE EUROPEAN PARLIAMENT AND OF THE COUNCIL of 14 November 2018 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 \(codification\)](#)

[REGULATION \(EU\) 2019/592 OF THE EUROPEAN PARLIAMENT AND OF THE COUNCIL of 10 April 2019 amending Regulation \(EU\) 2018/1806 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, as regards the withdrawal of the United Kingdom from the Union](#)

Legal migration

[COUNCIL DIRECTIVE 2003/86/EC of 22 September 2003 on the right to family reunification](#)

[COUNCIL DIRECTIVE 2003/109/EC of 25 November 2003 concerning the status of third-country nationals who are long-term residents](#)

[DIRECTIVE 2011/51/EU OF THE EUROPEAN PARLIAMENT AND OF THE COUNCIL of 11 May 2011 amending Council Directive 2003/109/EC to extend its scope to beneficiaries of international protection](#)

[COUNCIL DIRECTIVE 2004/81/EC of 29 April 2004 on the residence permit issued to third-country nationals who are victims of trafficking in human beings or who have been the subject of an action to facilitate illegal immigration, who cooperate with the competent authorities](#)

[DIRECTIVE 2004/38/EC OF THE EUROPEAN PARLIAMENT AND OF THE COUNCIL of 29 April 2004 on the right of citizens of the Union and their family members to move and reside freely within the territory of the Member States amending Regulation \(EEC\) No 1612/68 and repealing Directives 64/221/EEC, 68/360/EEC, 72/194/EEC, 73/148/EEC, 75/34/EEC, 75/35/EEC, 90/364/EEC, 90/365/EEC and 93/96/EEC](#)

[COUNCIL DIRECTIVE 2009/50/EC of 25 May 2009 on the conditions of entry and residence of third-country nationals for the purposes of highly qualified employment](#)

[DIRECTIVE 2011/98/EU OF THE EUROPEAN PARLIAMENT AND OF THE COUNCIL of 13 December 2011 on a single application procedure for a single permit for third-country nationals to reside and work in the territory of a Member State and on a common set of rights for third-country workers legally residing in a Member State](#)

[DIRECTIVE 2014/36/EU OF THE EUROPEAN PARLIAMENT AND OF THE COUNCIL of 26 February 2014 on the conditions of entry and stay of third-country nationals for the purpose of employment as seasonal workers](#)

[DIRECTIVE 2014/66/EU OF THE EUROPEAN PARLIAMENT AND OF THE COUNCIL of 15 May 2014 on the conditions of entry and residence of third-country nationals in the framework of an intracorporate transfer](#)

[DIRECTIVE \(EU\) 2016/801 OF THE EUROPEAN PARLIAMENT AND OF THE COUNCIL of 11 May 2016 on the conditions of entry and residence of third-country nationals for the purposes of research, studies, training, voluntary service, pupil exchange schemes or educational projects and au pairing \(recast\)](#)

[REGULATION \(EU\) 2017/1954 OF THE EUROPEAN PARLIAMENT AND OF THE COUNCIL of 25 October 2017 amending Council Regulation \(EC\) No 1030/2002 laying down a uniform format for residence permits for third-country nationals](#)

[CONSOLIDATED TEXT: COUNCIL REGULATION \(EC\) No 1030/2002 of 13 June 2002 laying down a uniform format for residence permits for third-country nationals](#)

Irregular migration and return policy

[COUNCIL DIRECTIVE 2001/40/EC of 28 May 2001 on the mutual recognition of decisions on the expulsion of third country nationals](#)

[DIRECTIVE 2008/115/EC OF THE EUROPEAN PARLIAMENT AND OF THE COUNCIL of 16 December 2008 on common standards and procedures in Member States for returning illegally staying third-country nationals](#)

[DIRECTIVE 2009/52/EC OF THE EUROPEAN PARLIAMENT AND OF THE COUNCIL of 18 June 2009 providing for minimum standards on sanctions and measures against employers of illegally staying third-country nationals](#)

[REGULATION \(EU\) 2016/399 OF THE EUROPEAN PARLIAMENT AND OF THE COUNCIL of 9 March 2016 on a Union Code on the rules governing the movement of persons across borders \(Schengen Borders Code\) \(codification\)](#)

[REGULATION \(EU\) 2016/1953 OF THE EUROPEAN PARLIAMENT AND OF THE COUNCIL of 26 October 2016 on the establishment of a European travel document for the return of illegally staying third-country nationals, and repealing the Council Recommendation of 30 November 1994](#)

Asylum policy

[COUNCIL DIRECTIVE 2001/55/EC of 20 July 2001 on minimum standards for giving temporary protection in the event of a mass influx of displaced persons and on measures promoting a balance of efforts between Member States in receiving such persons](#)

and bearing the consequences thereof

[REGULATION \(EU\) No 439/2010 OF THE EUROPEAN PARLIAMENT AND OF THE COUNCIL of 19 May 2010 establishing a European Asylum Support Office](#)

[DIRECTIVE 2011/95/EU OF THE EUROPEAN PARLIAMENT AND OF THE COUNCIL of 13 December 2011 on standards for the qualification of third-country nationals or stateless persons as beneficiaries of international protection, for a uniform status for refugees or for persons eligible for subsidiary protection, and for the content of the protection granted \(recast\)](#)

[REGULATION \(EU\) No 604/2013 OF THE EUROPEAN PARLIAMENT AND OF THE COUNCIL of 26 June 2013 establishing the criteria and mechanisms for determining the Member State responsible for examining an application for international protection lodged in one of the Member States by a third-country national or a stateless person \(recast\)](#)

[DIRECTIVE 2013/32/EU OF THE EUROPEAN PARLIAMENT AND OF THE COUNCIL of 26 June 2013 on common procedures for granting and withdrawing international protection \(recast\)](#)

[DIRECTIVE 2013/33/EU OF THE EUROPEAN PARLIAMENT AND OF THE COUNCIL of 26 June 2013 laying down standards for the reception of applicants for international protection \(recast\)](#)

Document security

[Council Regulation \(EC\) No 1030/2002 of 13 June 2002 laying down a uniform format for residence permits for third-country nationals](#)

[COUNCIL REGULATION \(EC\) No 380/2008 of 18 April 2008 amending Regulation \(EC\) No 1030/2002 laying down a uniform format for residence permits for third-country nationals](#)

[CONSOLIDATED TEXT: COUNCIL REGULATION \(EC\) No 1030/2002 of 13 June 2002 laying down a uniform format for residence permits for third-country nationals](#)

[COUNCIL REGULATION \(EC\) No 2252/2004 of 13 December 2004 on standards for security features and biometrics in passports and travel documents issued by Member States](#)

[REGULATION \(EC\) No 444/2009 OF THE EUROPEAN PARLIAMENT AND OF THE COUNCIL of 28 May 2009 amending Council Regulation \(EC\) No 2252/2004 on standards for security features and biometrics in passports and travel documents issued by Member States](#)

[REGULATION \(EU\) 2019/1157 OF THE EUROPEAN PARLIAMENT AND OF THE COUNCIL of 20 June 2019 on strengthening the security of identity cards of Union citizens and of residence documents issued to Union citizens and their family members exercising their right of free movement](#)

Other

[REGULATION \(EU\) 2016/1191 OF THE EUROPEAN PARLIAMENT AND OF THE COUNCIL of 6 July 2016 on promoting the free movement of citizens by simplifying the requirements for presenting certain public documents in the European Union and amending Regulation \(EU\) No 1024/2012](#)

[REGULATION \(EU\) 2017/2226 OF THE EUROPEAN PARLIAMENT AND OF THE COUNCIL of 30 November 2017 establishing an Entry/Exit System \(EES\) to register entry and exit data and refusal of entry data of third-country nationals crossing the external borders of the Member States and determining the conditions for access to the EES for law enforcement purposes, and amending the Convention implementing the Schengen Agreement and Regulations \(EC\) No 767/2008 and \(EU\) No 1077/2011](#)

[REGULATION \(EU\) 2018/1240 OF THE EUROPEAN PARLIAMENT AND OF THE COUNCIL of 12 September 2018 establishing a](#)

[European Travel Information and Authorisation System \(ETIAS\) and amending Regulations \(EU\) No 1077/2011, \(EU\) No 515/2014, \(EU\) 2016/399, \(EU\) 2016/1624 and \(EU\) 2017/2226](#)

[REGULATION \(EU\) 2019/788 OF THE EUROPEAN PARLIAMENT AND OF THE COUNCIL of 17 April 2019 on the European citizens' initiative](#)

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