## 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:

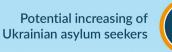


Implementation of reforms fighting against corruption





Lack of progress in the money laundering activities







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



Slovakia



Lithuania



Hungary





**Poland** 

#### NEUTRAL ATTITUDE



Italy



Netherlands



Germany





Czech Republic



France

CONCLUSION:

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







### **UKPAINE'S CHANCES** FOR VISA-FREE **DEGIME:**



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** 



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#### MIGRATION DISKS:



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 VLAP'



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

### **UKPAINE'S CHANCES** FOR VISA-FREE **DEGIME:**



The document was prepared on the basis of interviews with representatives of the Ministries of Internal and Foreign Affairs of Lithuania and Lithuanian **NGOs** 





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#### MIGRATION DISKS:



Low risks



Demand for Ukrainian workers

### SECURITY RISKS:



Infiltration of armed groups and terrorists



Increasing number of asylum seekers

Absence of border control in certain parts of Eastern Ukraine

IMPACT OF THE CONFLICT IN EASTERN UKRAINE:

#### IMPLEMENTATION OF VLAP\*



No consolidated position



Slow implementation of reforms

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#### POLITICAL WILL TO ABOLISH VISA-REGIME:



Strong support



Depends on the implementation of reforms in Ukraine

### **UKPAINE'S CHANCES** FOR VISA-FREE **PEGIME:**

### SLOVAK PEPUBLIC

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#### MIGRATION DISKS:



At the moment, no significant growth of asylum seekers



Might be used by policy makers as a counterargument



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

#### IMPLEMENTATION OF VLAP\*



Slow implementation of reforms in the fight against corruption



Many reforms is slowing down in organized crime

IMPACT OF THE CONFLICT IN EASTERN UKRAINE:

But concerns about a possible

increase of asylum seekers

\*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

Against the background of the

conflict in the East of Ukraine.

visa liberalization in order to support President Poroshenko

Germany might be in favor of the

IMPACT OF THE CONFLICT

IN EASTERN UKRAINE:

### **UKRAINE'S CHANCES** FOR VISA-FREE



### GEDMANY

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#### MIGRATION DISKS:



Increasing number of asylum seekers for economic reasons

#### SECURITY RISKS:



Low control the borders in conflict zones



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

#### IMPLEMENTATION OF VLAP



Slow implementation of reforms in the fight against corruption

#### **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

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### **UKRAINE'S** CHANCES FOR VISA-FREE REGIME:

**FRANCE** 

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STATUS:



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### MIGRATION DISKS:



Low risks

### IMPACT OF THE CONFLICT IN EASTERN UKRAINE:



No influence

### FOR VISA-FREE **REGIME:**



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**UKRAINE'S CHANCES** 



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#### SECUDITY DISKS:



Infiltration of terrorists and weapons because of insufficient border control



Increasing number of asylum seekers

#### IMPLEMENTATION OF VLAP\*



So far only declarative reforms in the field of law enforcement

#### POLITICAL WILL TO ABOLISH VISA-REGIME:



General support exists



Influenced by Ukraine's implementation of the requirements of VLAP



\*Visa liberalization action plan

Influenced by the situation with refugees from the Middle East

### **UKPAINE'S CHANCES** FOR VISA-FREE **DEGIME:**



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#### MIGRATION DISKS:



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



cross-border crime



Increased level of smuggling of goods and human trafficking

#### IMPLEMENTATION OF VLAP\*



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

### **UKRAINE'S CHANCES** FOR VISA-FREE **REGIME:**



#### CZECH REPUBLIC

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#### MIGRATION DISKS:



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 VLAP\*



Slow implementation of reforms in the fight against corruption



Slow implementation of reforms of the Ministry of Interior and the refugees and combating human State Migration Service



Gaps in policies on asylum and

\* Visa liberalization action plan

#### **POLITICAL WILL TO ABOLISH VISA-REGIME:**

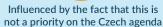


Influenced by the fact that this is



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





### **UKRAINE'S CHANCES** FOR VISA-FREE **DEGIME:**



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#### MIGRATION DISKS:



Increase of the level of migration



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 **Fastern 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** 

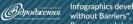
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#### **MIGRATION DISKS:**



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:



#### 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