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In April 2018, the Commission adopted a proposal on identity cards issued by Member States to their citizens and on residence documents issued to mobile European Union citizens and their third-country family members. The objective of the proposal is to facilitate European Union citizens' free movement by improving the security of national identity cards rather than to introduce a new card alongside, or to replace, them.

According to the agreement reached by the co-legislators and formally approved by the European Parliament on 4 April 2019, national identity cards issued on the basis of the new rules will feature an European Union flag on the front side, with the two-letter country code of the issuing Member State within the twelve yellow stars. This common symbol could contribute to strengthening citizens' identification with the European Union when using their national identity card, in particular for free movement purposes. The Council is expected to formally vote on 6 June 2019.