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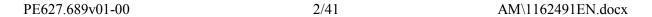
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Draft opinion István Ujhelyi (PE625.431v01-00)

Establishing a Community Code on Visas (Visa Code)

Proposal for a regulation (COM(2018)0252 – C8-0114/2018 – 2018/0061(COD))

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Amendment 9 Marie-Pierre Vieu

Proposal for a regulation Recital 1

Text proposed by the Commission

(1) The European Union's common short-stay visa policy has been an integral part to the establishment of an area without internal borders. Visa policy should remain an essential tool for facilitating tourism and business, while helping counter security risks and the risk of irregular migration to the Union.

Amendment

(1) The European Union's common short-stay visa policy has been an integral part to the establishment of an area without internal borders. A visa policy which respects human rights and fundamental freedoms should facilitate travel by thirdcountry nationals to the EU while guaranteeing free movement of persons and maintaining the security of people within the territory of the Union. The common visa policy should be consistent with other Union policies, including those on freedom of movement, residence and mobility in the Member State of a person's choice.

Or fr

Amendment 10 Marie-Christine Arnautu

Proposal for a regulation Recital 1

Text proposed by the Commission

(1) The European Union's common short-stay visa policy has been an integral part to the establishment of an area without internal borders. Visa policy should remain an essential tool for facilitating tourism and business, while helping counter security risks and the risk of irregular migration to the Union.

Amendment

(1) The common short-stay visa policy of the Member States of the European Union should take into account security risks and the risk of illegal immigration, which is a necessary precondition for preserving a climate favourable to tourism and business.

Or. fr

Amendment 11 Marie-Pierre Vieu

Proposal for a regulation Recital 2

Text proposed by the Commission

(2) The Union should use its visa policy in its cooperation with third countries, and to ensure a better balance between migration and security concerns, economic considerations and general external relations.

Amendment

(2) The Union should use its visa policy in its cooperation with third countries, and will take particular care to respect the obligations incumbent upon each of them under international law, in particular the United Nations Convention on the Status of Refugees, the European Convention for the Protection of Human Rights and Fundamental Freedoms, the International Covenant on Civil and Political Rights, the 1951 Geneva Convention, as well as the 1967 New York Protocol, the UN Convention against Torture and other Cruel, Inhuman or Degrading Treatment or Punishment, the UN Convention on the Rights of the Child and other relevant international instruments.

Or. fr

Amendment 12 Marie-Christine Arnautu

Proposal for a regulation Recital 2

Text proposed by the Commission

(2) The *Union* should use *its* visa policy in *its* cooperation with third countries, *and* to *ensure a better balance between migration* and security concerns, economic considerations and general external relations.

Amendment

(2) The *Member States* should use *their common* visa policy in *their* cooperation with third countries, *in order* to *place the emphasis on immigration* and security concerns, *particularly attaching greater importance to these than to* economic considerations and general external relations.

Or. fr

Amendment 13 Nicola Caputo

Proposal for a regulation Recital 4

Text proposed by the Commission

(4) The visa application procedure should be as easy as possible for applicants. It should be clear which Member State is competent for examining an application for a visa in particular where the intended visit covers several Member States. Where possible, Member States should allow for application forms to be completed and submitted electronically. Deadlines should be established for the various steps of the procedure in particular to allow travellers to plan ahead and avoid peak seasons in consulates.

Amendment

(4) The visa application procedure should be as easy as possible for applicants. It should be clear which Member State is competent for examining an application for a visa in particular where the intended visit covers several Member States. Where possible, Member States should allow for application forms to be completed and submitted electronically. Deadlines should be established for the various steps of the procedure in particular to allow travellers to plan ahead and avoid peak seasons in consulates. However, as part of the further development of the acquis towards a truly common visa policy, procedures and conditions for issuing visas should be further harmonised and their uniform application be reinforced.

Or. it

Amendment 14 Marie-Pierre Vieu

Proposal for a regulation Recital 4

Text proposed by the Commission

(4) The visa application procedure should be as easy as possible for applicants. It should be clear which Member State is competent for examining an application for a visa in particular where the intended visit covers several Member States. Where possible, Member States

Amendment

(4) The visa application procedure should be as easy as possible for applicants, so as to guarantee freedom of movement and the right to leave the State from which they originally come or in which they reside, without causing discrimination. It should be clear which

should allow for application forms to be completed and submitted electronically. Deadlines should be established for the various steps of the procedure in particular to allow travellers to plan ahead and avoid peak seasons in consulates.

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Or. fr

Amendment 15 Marie-Christine Arnautu

Proposal for a regulation Recital 4

Text proposed by the Commission

(4) The visa application procedure should be *as* easy *as possible* for applicants. It should be clear which Member State is competent for examining an application for a visa in particular where the intended visit covers several Member States. Where possible, Member States should allow for application forms to be completed and submitted electronically. Deadlines should be established for the various steps of the procedure in particular to allow travellers to plan ahead and avoid peak seasons in consulates.

Amendment

(4) The visa application procedure should be easy for applicants who are in good standing, while facilitating the checks that should be carried out by the competent authorities responsible for considering applications. It should be clear which Member State is competent for examining an application for a visa in particular where the intended visit covers several Member States. Where possible, Member States should allow for application forms to be completed and submitted electronically. Deadlines should be established for the various steps of the procedure in particular to allow travellers to plan ahead and avoid peak seasons in consulates

Or. fr

Amendment 16 Isabella De Monte

Proposal for a regulation

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Recital 4

Text proposed by the Commission

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Amendment

(4) The visa application procedure should be as easy *and cheap* as possible for applicants. It should be clear which Member State is competent for examining an application for a visa in particular where the intended visit covers several Member States. Member States should allow for application forms to be completed and submitted electronically. Deadlines should be established for the various steps of the procedure in particular to allow travellers to plan *a reasonable time in advance* and avoid peak seasons in consulates.

Or. it

Amendment 17 Maria Grapini

Proposal for a regulation Recital 6

Text proposed by the Commission

(6) The visa fee should ensure that sufficient financial resources are available to cover the expenses of visa processing, including appropriate structures and sufficient staff to ensure the quality and integrity of the examination of visa applications. The amount of the visa fee should be revised *on a two-yearly basis* on the basis of objective criteria.

Amendment

(6) The visa fee should ensure that sufficient financial resources are available to cover the expenses of visa processing, including appropriate structures and sufficient staff to ensure the quality and integrity of the examination of visa applications. The amount of the visa fee should be revised *every two years* on the basis of objective *assessment* criteria.

Or. ro

Amendment 18 Isabella De Monte

Proposal for a regulation Recital 6

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Amendment

(6) The visa fee should ensure that sufficient financial resources are available to cover the expenses of visa processing, including appropriate structures and sufficient staff to ensure the quality, *speed* and integrity of the examination of visa applications. The amount of the visa fee should be revised on a two-yearly basis on the basis of objective criteria.

Or. it

Amendment 19 Marie-Christine Arnautu

Proposal for a regulation Recital 7

Text proposed by the Commission

(7) To ensure that nationals of third countries subject to the visa requirement can lodge their visa application in their place of residence even if no Member State is present for the purpose of collecting applications, external service providers should be enabled to provide the necessary service for a fee exceeding the general maximum level.

Amendment

(7) To ensure that nationals of third countries subject to the visa requirement can lodge their visa application in their place of residence even if no Member State is present for the purpose of collecting applications, external service providers, *duly certified and regularly monitored*, should be enabled to provide the necessary service for a fee exceeding the general maximum level.

Or. fr

Amendment 20 Isabella De Monte

Proposal for a regulation Recital 8

Text proposed by the Commission

(8) Representation arrangements should be streamlined and obstacles to the

Amendment

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conclusion of such arrangements among Member States should be avoided. The representing Member State should be responsible for the entire processing of visa applications without the involvement of the represented Member State. obstacles to the conclusion of such arrangements among Member States should be avoided. The representing Member State should be responsible for the entire processing of visa applications without the involvement of the represented Member State.

Amendment

Or. it

Amendment 21 Marie-Pierre Vieu

Proposal for a regulation Recital 10

Text proposed by the Commission

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(10)Given the differences in local circumstances notably with regard to migratory and security risks, as well as the relationships that the Union maintains with specific countries, Member States' diplomatic missions and consular posts in individual locations should assess the need to adapt the general provisions to allow for a more favourable or more restrictive application. More favourable approaches in issuing multiple-entry visas with a long period of validity should take into account, in particular, the existence of trade agreements covering the mobility of business persons, and the third country's cooperation on the readmission of irregular migrants.

Or. fr

Amendment 22 Marie-Christine Arnautu

Proposal for a regulation Recital 10

Given the differences in local circumstances notably with regard to migratory and security risks, as well as the relationships that the Union *maintains* with specific countries, Member States' diplomatic missions and consular posts in individual locations should assess the need to adapt the general provisions to allow for a more favourable or more restrictive application. *More favourable* approaches in issuing multiple-entry visas with a long period of validity should take into account, in particular, the existence of trade agreements covering the mobility of business persons, and the third country's cooperation on the readmission of irregular migrants.

Amendment

Given the differences in local circumstances notably with regard to migratory and security risks, as well as the relationships that the *Member States of the* Union *maintain* with specific countries, their diplomatic missions and consular posts in individual locations should assess the need to adapt the general provisions to allow for a more favourable or more restrictive application. Approaches in issuing multiple-entry visas with a long period of validity should take into account, in particular, the existence of trade agreements covering the mobility of business persons, and the degree of cooperation by the third country on the readmission of irregular migrants.

Or. fr

Amendment 23 Marie-Pierre Vieu

Proposal for a regulation Recital 11

Text proposed by the Commission

(11) In case of lack of cooperation of certain third countries to readmit their nationals apprehended in an irregular situation and failure of those third countries to cooperate effectively in the return process, a restrictive and temporary application of certain provisions of Regulation (EC) No 810/2009 should on the basis of a transparent mechanism based on objective criteria, be applied to enhance a given third country's cooperation on readmission of irregular migrants.

Amendment

deleted

Or. fr

Amendment 24 Marie-Christine Arnautu

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Amendment

(11) In case of lack of cooperation of certain third countries to readmit their nationals apprehended in an irregular situation and failure of those third countries to cooperate effectively in the return process, certain provisions of Regulation (EC) No 810/2009 should, on the basis of a mechanism adopted by the Council, be applied restrictively until such time as the authorities of the countries concerned have taken the necessary corrective measures. If the cooperation does not improve, Member States should be permitted to suspend the issuing of visas.

Or. fr

Amendment 25 Marie-Christine Arnautu

Proposal for a regulation Recital 12

Text proposed by the Commission

(12) Applicants who have been refused a visa should have the right to appeal which should, at a certain stage of the proceedings, guarantee an effective judicial appeal. More detailed information on the refusal grounds and procedures for appeal of negative decisions should be provided in the notification of the refusal.

Amendment

(12) Applicants who have been refused a visa should have the right *of administrative* appeal *to the consular authority*.

Or. fr

Amendment 26 Nicola Caputo

Proposal for a regulation Recital 12

Text proposed by the Commission

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Or. it

Amendment 27 Maria Grapini

Proposal for a regulation Recital 12

Text proposed by the Commission

(12) Applicants who have been refused a visa should have the right to appeal which should, at a certain stage of the proceedings, *guarantee* an effective judicial appeal. More detailed information on the refusal grounds and procedures for appeal of negative decisions should be provided in the notification of the refusal.

Amendment

(12) Applicants who have been refused a visa should have the right to appeal which should, at a certain stage of the proceedings, *open the door to* an effective judicial appeal. More detailed information on the refusal grounds and procedures for appeal of decisions *rejecting the appeal* should be provided in the notification of the refusal.

Or. ro

Amendment 28 Marie-Christine Arnautu

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Proposal for a regulation Recital 13

Text proposed by the Commission

(13) The issuing of visas at the external border should remain exceptional. However, to promote short term tourism, Member States should be authorised to issue visas at the external border on the basis of temporary schemes, for which the organisational arrangements should be notified and published. Such schemes should be limited in scope and comply with the general rules for processing visa applications. The validity of the visa issued should be limited to the territory of the issuing Member State.

Amendment

(13) The issuing of visas at the external border should remain exceptional.

Or. fr

Amendment 29 Marie-Pierre Vieu

Proposal for a regulation Recital 13

Text proposed by the Commission

(13) The issuing of visas at the external border should *remain exceptional*. *However*, to promote *short term* tourism, Member States should be authorised to issue visas at the external border on the basis of temporary schemes, for which the organisational arrangements should be notified and published. Such schemes should be limited in scope and comply with the general rules for processing visa applications. The validity of the visa issued should be limited to the territory of the issuing Member State.

Amendment

(13) The issuing of visas at the external border should *enable Member States*, *inter alia*, to promote *short-term* tourism, *and* Member States should be authorised to issue visas at the external border on the basis of temporary schemes, for which the organisational arrangements should be notified and published. Such schemes should be limited in scope and comply with the general rules for processing visa applications. The validity of the visa issued should be limited to the territory of the issuing Member State.

Or. fr

Amendment 30 Marie-Pierre Vieu

Proposal for a regulation Recital 13 a (new)

Text proposed by the Commission

Amendment

(13a) This Regulation respects fundamental rights and observes the rights and principles recognised in particular by the Charter of Fundamental Rights of the European Union. In particular, it seeks to ensure full respect for the right to the protection of personal data as set out in Article 16 TFEU, the right to private and family life as set out in Article 7, the right to asylum as set out in Article 18 and the rights of the child as set out in Article 24 of that Charter.

Or. fr

Amendment 31 Marie-Christine Arnautu

Proposal for a regulation Recital 14

Text proposed by the Commission

(14) Local Schengen cooperation is crucial for the harmonised application of the common visa policy and for proper assessment of migratory and security risks. Cooperation and exchanges among Member States' diplomatic missions and consular posts in individual locations should be coordinated by Union Delegations. They should assess the operational application of specific provisions in the light of local circumstances and migratory risk.

Amendment

(14) Local cooperation between the diplomatic and consular representations of Member States in each territorial area is crucial for the harmonised application of the common visa policy and for proper assessment of migratory and security risks. They should communicate with one another and assess the operational application of specific provisions in the light of local circumstances and migratory risk.

Or. fr

Amendment 32 Marie-Christine Arnautu

Proposal for a regulation Recital 15

Text proposed by the Commission

(15) Member States should closely and regularly monitor the operations of external service providers to ensure compliance with the legal instrument governing the responsibilities entrusted with the external service provider. Member States should report to the Commission annually on the cooperation with and monitoring of external service providers. Member States should ensure that the entire procedure for the processing of visa applications and the cooperation with external service providers is monitored by expatriate staff.

Amendment

(15) Member States should closely and regularly monitor the operations of external service providers to ensure compliance with the legal instrument governing the responsibilities entrusted with the external service provider. Member States should report to the Commission *and their national representation* annually on the cooperation with and monitoring of external service providers. Member States should ensure that the entire procedure for the processing of visa applications and the cooperation with external service providers is monitored by expatriate staff.

Or. fr

Amendment 33 Nicola Caputo

Proposal for a regulation Recital 16

Text proposed by the Commission

(16) Flexible rules should be established to allow Member States to optimise the sharing of resources and to increase consular coverage. Cooperation among Member States (Schengen Visa Centres) could take any form suited to local circumstances in order to increase geographical consular coverage, reduce Member States' costs, increase the visibility of the Union and improve the service offered to visa applicants.

Amendment

(16) Flexible rules should be established to allow Member States to optimise the sharing of resources and to increase consular coverage. Cooperation among Member States (Schengen Visa Centres) could take any form suited to local circumstances in order to increase geographical consular coverage, reduce Member States' costs, increase the visibility of the Union and improve the service offered to visa applicants. The common visa policy should contribute to generating growth and be coherent with other Union policies, such as those

Or. it

Amendment 34 Marie-Christine Arnautu

Proposal for a regulation Recital 16

Text proposed by the Commission

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Amendment

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Or. fr

Amendment 35 Jozo Radoš, Izaskun Bilbao Barandica

Proposal for a regulation Recital 17

Text proposed by the Commission

(17) Electronic visa application systems developed by Member States help to facilitate application procedures for applicants and consulates. A common solution *allowing* full digitisation should be developed, making full use of the recent legal and technological developments.

Amendment

(17) Electronic visa application systems developed by Member States help to facilitate application procedures for applicants and consulates. A common solution *ensuring* full digitisation should be developed, making full use of the recent legal and technological developments. *Electronic visa application system should be fully accessible for the people with disabilities. Straightforward and*

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Or. en

Amendment 36 Nicola Caputo

Proposal for a regulation Recital 17

Text proposed by the Commission

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Amendment

(17) Electronic visa application systems developed by Member States help to facilitate application procedures for applicants and consulates. A common solution allowing full digitisation should be developed, making full use of the recent legal and technological developments so as to allow applicants to apply for a visa online, in order to accommodate the needs of applicants and attract more visitors to the Schengen area.

Or. it

Amendment 37 Cláudia Monteiro de Aguiar

Proposal for a regulation Recital 17

Text proposed by the Commission

(17) Electronic visa application systems developed by Member States help to facilitate application procedures for applicants and consulates. A common solution allowing full digitisation should be developed, making full use of the recent legal and technological developments.

Amendment

(17) Electronic visa application systems developed by Member States help to facilitate application procedures for applicants and consulates. A common solution, an online platform and an EU E-visa, allowing full digitisation should be developed until 2025, making full use of the recent legal and technological developments.

Amendment 38 Isabella De Monte

Proposal for a regulation Recital 17

Text proposed by the Commission

(17) Electronic visa application systems developed by Member States *help* to facilitate application procedures for applicants and consulates. A common solution allowing full digitisation should be developed, making full use of the recent legal and technological developments.

Amendment

(17) Electronic visa application systems developed by Member States *are essential in order* to facilitate application procedures for applicants and consulates. A common solution allowing full digitisation should be developed, making full use of the recent legal and technological developments.

Or. it

Amendment 39 Cláudia Monteiro de Aguiar

Proposal for a regulation Article 1 – paragraph 1 – point 1 a (new) Regulation (EC) No 810/2009 Article 1 – paragraph 4 new

Text proposed by the Commission

Amendment

(1a) The European Commission shall present an electronic visa application, Evisa, by 2025.

Or. en

Justification

The Union needs an online platform for efficient and transparent visa processing and an EU e-visa, avoiding multiple electronic visa application systems developed by Member States by 2025.

Amendment 40 Cláudia Monteiro de Aguiar

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Proposal for a regulation Article 1 – paragraph 1 – point 2 – point d a (new) Regulation (EC) No 810/2009 Article 2 – new point

Text proposed by the Commission

Amendment

(da) "Sport and Culture Professionals" means third-country nationals who are not citizens of the Union within the meaning of Article 20(1) of the Treaty, and belong to the following categories: performing artists and their support staff, elite sports persons and their support staff.

Or. en

Justification

It facilitates the ability to draft specific rules for such a specific group of legitimate travellers.

Amendment 41 Cláudia Monteiro de Aguiar

Proposal for a regulation
Article 1 – paragraph 1 – point 7 – point a
Regulation (EC) No 810/2009
Article 9 – paragraph 1

Text proposed by the Commission

Applications may be lodged no more than six months, and for seafarers in the performance of their duties, no more than nine months before the start of the intended visit and, as a rule, no later than 15 calendar days before that start.;

Amendment

Applications may be lodged no more than six months, and for seafarers, *sport and culture professionals* in the performance of their duties, no more than nine months before the start of the intended visit and, as a rule, no later than 15 calendar days before that start.;

Or. en

Justification

Certain categories of travellers would strongly benefit from lodging applications earlier, such as seafarers and sport and culture professionals.

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Amendment 42 Jozo Radoš, Izaskun Bilbao Barandica

Proposal for a regulation Article 1 – paragraph 1 – point 10 – point a Regulation (EC) No 810/2009 Article 14 – paragraph 4

Text proposed by the Commission

4. Member States may require applicants to present a proof of sponsorship *and* private accommodation or *both* by completing *a* form drawn up by each Member State. That form shall indicate in particular:

Amendment

4. Member States may require applicants to present a proof of sponsorship, private accommodation or proof of sufficient means to cover expenses, including confirmation from inbound agent that accommodation arrangements are being handled by completing form drawn up by each Member State. That form shall indicate in particular:

Or. en

Justification

In order to avoid unexpected documentary delay, requirements for supporting documents should be uniform. Tour operators organizing group travel typically cannot make a hotel reservation until the group size is known, that size being dependent on successful number of visa applicants. Therefore, proof of specific accommodation during application process sis often unavailable.

Amendment 43 Marie-Christine Arnautu

Proposal for a regulation
Article premier – paragraph 1 – point 10 – point a
Regulation (EC) No 810/2009
Article 14 – paragraph 4

Text proposed by the Commission

4. Member States *may* require applicants to present a proof of sponsorship and private accommodation or both by completing a form drawn up by each Member State. That form shall indicate in

Amendment

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particular: particular:

Or. fr

Justification

The proof of sponsorship to be provided by the visa applicant must be made non-optional in order to limit the risks of irregular immigration.

Amendment 44 Marie-Pierre Vieu

Proposal for a regulation
Article premier – paragraph 1 – point 10 – point a
Regulation (EC) No 810/2009
Article 14 – paragraph 4 c

Text proposed by the Commission

Amendment

(c) the identity and contact details of deleted the sponsor/inviting person;

Or. fr

Amendment 45 Marie-Pierre Vieu

Proposal for a regulation Article premier – paragraph 1 – point 10 – point a Regulation (EC) No 810/2009 Article 14 – paragraph 4 d

Text proposed by the Commission Amendment

(d) the applicant(s); deleted

Or. fr

Amendment 46 Jozo Radoš, Izaskun Bilbao Barandica

Proposal for a regulation Article 1 – paragraph 1 – point 10 – point a

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Regulation (EC) No 810/2009 Article 14 – paragraph 4 e

Text proposed by the Commission

Amendment

(e) the address of the accommodation;

(e) the address of the accommodation; if travel is organized by a tour operator proof of sufficient means to cover expenses or confirmation from inbound agent that accommodation arrangements are being handle;

Or. en

Justification

In order to avoid unexpected documentary delay, requirements for supporting documents should be uniform. Tour operators organizing group travel typically cannot make a hotel reservation until the group size is known, that size being dependent on successful number of visa applicants. Therefore, proof of specific accommodation during application process sis often unavailable

Amendment 47 Marie-Pierre Vieu

Proposal for a regulation
Article premier – paragraph 1 – point 10 – point a
Regulation (EC) No 810/2009
Article 14 – paragraph 4 g

Text proposed by the Commission

Amendment

(g) possible family ties with the deleted sponsor/inviting person.

Or. fr

Amendment 48 Marie-Pierre Vieu

Proposal for a regulation
Article premier – paragraph 1 – point 10 – point a
Regulation (EC) No 810/2009
Article 14 – paragraph 4 – point g a (new)

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Amendment

Consulates may waive the above requirements where the applicant is known to their visa services.

Or. fr

Amendment 49 Rolandas Paksas

Proposal for a regulation Article 1 – paragraph 1 – point 10 – point a a (new) Regulation (EC) No 810/2009 Article 14 – paragraph 1 – point b

Present text

Amendment

(b) documents in relation to accommodation, or proof of sufficient means to cover *his* accommodation;

(aa) Article 14 paragraph 1 point (b) is replaced by the following;

"(b) documents in relation to accommodation, or proof of sufficient means to cover expenses or confirmation from inbound agent / operator that accommodation arrangements are being handled;"

Or. en

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Justification

Necessary in order to minimise unexpected documentary requirements that cause delay. Therefore, proof of specific accommodation during application process is often unavailable. For these the traveller should either present proof of accommodation, or proof of sufficient means to cover expenses or confirmation from inbound agent / operator that accommodation arrangements are being handled.

Amendment 50 Marie-Pierre Vieu

Proposal for a regulation Article premier – paragraph 1 – point 11 – point a Regulation (EC) No 810/2009

Amendment

1. Applicants for a uniform visa for one entry shall prove that they are in possession of adequate and valid travel medical insurance to cover any expenses that might arise in connection with repatriation for medical reasons, urgent medical attention and emergency hospital treatment or death, during their intended stay on the territory of the Member States.";

deleted

Or. fr

Amendment 51 Marie-Pierre Vieu

Proposal for a regulation Article premier – paragraph 1 – point 11 – point b Regulation (EC) No 810/2009 Article 15 – paragraph 2

Text proposed by the Commission

Amendment

2. Applicants for a uniform visa for multiple entries shall prove that they are in possession of adequate and valid travel medical insurance covering the period of their first intended visit.;

deleted

Or. fr

Amendment 52 Marie-Pierre Vieu

Proposal for a regulation Article premier – paragraph 1 – point 12 – point a Regulation (EC) No 810/2009 Article 16 – paragraph 1

Text proposed by the Commission

Amendment

1. Applicants shall pay a visa fee of 1. Applicants shall pay a visa fee of

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EUR **80**. EUR **60**.

Or fr

Amendment 53 Marie-Pierre Vieu

Proposal for a regulation Article premier – paragraph 1 – point 12 – point a Regulation (EC) No 810/2009 Article 16 – paragraph 2

Text proposed by the Commission

Amendment

- 2. Children from the age of six years and below the age of 12 years shall pay a visa fee of EUR 40.;
- 2. Children from the age of six years and below the age of 12 years shall pay a visa fee of EUR *35*.;

Or. fr

Amendment 54 Marie-Pierre Vieu

Proposal for a regulation Article premier – paragraph 1 – point 12 – point b Regulation (EC) No 810/2009 Article 16 – paragraph 2 a (new)

Text proposed by the Commission

Amendment

2a. A visa fee of EUR 160 shall apply deleted when the Commission so decides in accordance with Article 25a(5).;

Or. fr

Amendment 55 Marie-Pierre Vieu

Proposal for a regulation
Article premier – paragraph 1 – point 12 – point f
Regulation (EC) No 810/2009
Article 16 – paragraph 8 a (new)

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Amendment

8a. The Commission shall assess the need to revise the amount of the visa fees set out in Article 16(1), (2) and (2a) every two years, taking into account objective criteria, such as the general EU-wide inflation rate as published by Eurostat, and the weighted average of the salaries of Member States' civil servants and, where appropriate, amend the amount of the visa fees by means of delegated acts.";

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Or. fr

Amendment 56 Marie-Pierre Vieu

Proposal for a regulation Article premier – paragraph 1 – point 13 – point a Regulation (EC) No 810/2009 Article 17 – paragraph 1

Text proposed by the Commission

Amendment

A service fee may be charged by an external service provider referred to in Article 43.;

Or fr

Amendment 57 Marie-Pierre Vieu

Proposal for a regulation Article premier – paragraph 1 – point 14 – point a Regulation (EC) No 810/2009 Article 21 – paragraph 3 e

Text proposed by the Commission

Amendment

(e) that the applicant is in possession of adequate and valid travel medical insurance, where applicable, covering the period of the intended stay, or, if a

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Or. fr

Amendment 58 Massimiliano Salini

Proposal for a regulation
Article 1 – paragraph 1 – point 14 – point c
Regulation (EC) No 810/2009
Article 21 – paragraph 8

Text proposed by the Commission

8. During the examination of an application, consulates may in justified cases carry out an interview with the applicant and request additional documents.;

Amendment

8. During the examination of an application, consulates may in justified cases carry out an interview with the applicant and request additional documents. These interviews may be conducted by consulates using modern digital tools and remote means of communication, such as voice or video calls via internet.

(This amendment applies throughout the text. Adopting it will necessitate corresponding changes throughout.)

Or. en

Amendment 59 Rolandas Paksas

Proposal for a regulation
Article 1 – paragraph 1 – point 14 – point c
Regulation (EC) No 810/2009
Article 21 – paragraph 8

Text proposed by the Commission

8. During the examination of an application, consulates may in justified cases carry out an interview with the applicant and request additional

Amendment

8. During the examination of an application, consulates may in justified cases carry out an interview with the applicant and request additional documents. *Member States can use remote*

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documents.;

means of communication, including voice or video calls via the internet, to interview applicants.;

Or. en

Justification

Necessary in order to makes reference to the possibility that Member States have of using modern means of communication to interview applicants, rather than requiring them to come to the consulate in person.

Amendment 60 Jozo Radoš, Izaskun Bilbao Barandica

Proposal for a regulation
Article 1 – paragraph 1 – point 14 – point c
Regulation (EC) No 810/2009
Article 21 – paragraph 8

Text proposed by the Commission

8. During the examination of an application, consulates may in justified cases carry out an interview with the applicant and request additional documents.;

Amendment

8. During the examination of an application, consulates may in justified cases carry out an interview with the applicant and request additional documents.; *Member States can use remote means of communication, including voice or video calls via the internet to interview applicants.*

Or. en

Justification

Member States should be allowed to fully use modern means of communication to interview applicants, rather than requiring them to come to the consulate in person.

Amendment 61 Cláudia Monteiro de Aguiar

Proposal for a regulation Article 1 – paragraph 1 – point 14 – point c Regulation (EC) No 810/2009 Article 21 – paragraph 8

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Amendment

8. During the examination of an application, consulates may in justified cases carry out an interview with the applicant and request additional documents. *Member States can use remote means of communication, including voice or video calls via the internet, to interview applicants*;

Or. en

Justification

The Member States shall have the possibility of using modern means of communication to interview applicants, rather than requiring them to come to the consulate in person.

Amendment 62 Isabella De Monte

Proposal for a regulation
Article 1 – paragraph 1 – point 14 – point c
Regulation (EC) No 810/2009
Article 1 – paragraph 1 – point 14

Text proposed by the Commission

Amendment

8. During the examination of an application, consulates may in justified cases carry out an interview with the applicant and request additional documents.;

(Does not affect the English version.)

Or. it

Amendment 63 Marie-Christine Arnautu

Proposal for a regulation Article premier – paragraph 1 – point 16 – point a Regulation (EC) No 810/2009 Article 23 – paragraphs 1 and 2

Text proposed by the Commission

Amendment

(a) paragraphs 1 and 2 are replaced deleted

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by the following:

'1. Applications shall be decided within 10 calendar days of the date of the lodging of an application which is admissible in accordance with Article 19.

That period may be extended up to a maximum of 45 calendar days in individual cases, notably when further scrutiny of the application is needed.";

(This amendment applies throughout the text.)

Or. fr

Justification

The time limits currently in force are appropriate and allow consular authorities more time to consider visa applications properly.

Amendment 64 Maria Grapini

Proposal for a regulation
Article 1 – paragraph 1 – point 16 – point a
Regulation (EC) No 810/2009
Article 23 – paragraph 1

Text proposed by the Commission

Applications shall be decided within *10* calendar days of the date of the lodging of an application which is admissible in accordance with Article 19.

Amendment

Applications shall be decided within 7 calendar days of the date of the lodging of an application which is admissible in accordance with Article 19.

Or. ro

Amendment 65 Maria Grapini

Proposal for a regulation Article 1 – paragraph 1 – point 16 – point a Regulation (EC) No 810/2009 Article 23 – paragraph 1

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That period may be extended up to a maximum of 45 calendar days in individual cases, notably when further scrutiny of the application is needed.;

Amendment

That period may be extended up to a maximum of **30** calendar days in individual cases, notably when further scrutiny of the application is needed.;

Or. ro

Amendment 66 Cláudia Monteiro de Aguiar

Proposal for a regulation Article 1 – paragraph 1 – point 17 – point c Regulation (EC) No 810/2009 Article 24 – paragraph 2 – point c

Text proposed by the Commission

2c. Without prejudice to paragraph 2, a multiple entry visa valid for up to five years may be issued to applicants who prove the need or justify their intention to travel frequently and/or regularly provided that they prove their integrity and reliability, in particular the lawful use of previous visas, their economic situation in the country of origin and their genuine intention to leave the territory of the Member States before the expiry of the visa for which they have applied.

Amendment

2c. Without prejudice to paragraph 2, a multiple entry visa valid for up to five years may be issued to applicants who prove the need or justify their intention to travel frequently and/or regularly, such as seafarers, sports and culture professionals, provided that they prove their integrity and reliability, in particular the lawful use of previous visas, their economic situation in the country of origin and their genuine intention to leave the territory of the Member States before the expiry of the visa for which they have applied.

Or. en

Justification

It is important that seafarers sports and culture professionals have special rules in recognition of their specific circumstances

Amendment 67 Marie-Pierre Vieu

Proposal for a regulation Article premier – paragraph 1 – point 17 – point c Regulation (EC) No 810/2009

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Amendment

2d. Where necessary on the basis of the assessment referred to in paragraph 2b, the Commission shall by means of implementing acts adopt the rules regarding the condition for the issuing of multiple-entry visas laid down in paragraph 2 to be applied in each jurisdiction in order to take account of local circumstances, of the migratory and security risks and of the cooperation of the third country in question on readmission of irregular migrants in the light of the indicators set out in Article 25a(2), and of its overall relation with the Union. Those implementing acts shall be adopted in accordance with the examination procedure referred to in Article 52(2).";

deleted

Or. fr

Amendment 68 Marie-Pierre Vieu

Proposal for a regulation Article premier – paragraph 1 – point 18 Regulation (EC) No 810/2009 Article 25 a (new)

Text proposed by the Commission

Amendment

[...] deleted

Or. fr

Amendment 69 Marie-Christine Arnautu

Proposal for a regulation Article premier – paragraph 1 – point 18 Regulation (EC) No 810/2009

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2. The Commission shall regularly assess third countries' cooperation with regard to readmission, taking account, in particular, of the following indicators:

Amendment

2. The Commission *and Member States* shall regularly assess third countries' cooperation with regard to readmission, taking account, in particular, of the following indicators:

Or. fr

Justification

The Commission should work hand in hand with the Member States to assess the degree of cooperation with regard to the readmission of illegal immigrants.

Amendment 70 Cláudia Monteiro de Aguiar

Proposal for a regulation Article 1 – paragraph 1 – point 18 Regulation (EC) No 810/2009 Article 25 – paragraph 5

Text proposed by the Commission

5. Where, on the basis of the analysis referred to in paragraphs 2 and 4, the Commission decides that a country is not cooperating sufficiently, and that action is therefore needed, it may, taking also account of the Union's overall relations with the third country concerned, adopt an implementing act, in accordance with the examination procedure referred to in Article 52(2):

Amendment

5. Where, on the basis of the analysis referred to in paragraphs 2 and 4, the Commission decides that a country is not cooperating sufficiently, and that action is therefore needed, it may, taking also account of the Union's overall relations with the third country concerned and the importance of allowing certain categories of professional travellers such as seafarers and sports and culture professionals to continue to benefit from the rules of visa code, adopt an implementing act, in accordance with the examination procedure referred to in Article 52(2):

Or. en

Justification

It is important that seafarers sports and culture professionals have special rules in recognition of their specific circumstances

Amendment 71 Marie-Christine Arnautu

Proposal for a regulation
Article premier – paragraph 1 – point 18
Regulation (EC) No 810/2009
Article 25 a – paragraph 5 a

Text proposed by the Commission

Amendment

5a. If one or more Member States consider that the Commission is late in taking the appropriate measures described in this Article, or that the third country concerned is continuing to cooperate insufficiently with regard to readmission, they may restrict or even suspend the issuing of visas.

Or. fr

Justification

Member States should also be able to restrict the issuing of Schengen visas on their own initiative, as cooperation with regard to readmission will vary according to the situations with which each Member State is confronted.

Amendment 72 Marie-Christine Arnautu

Proposal for a regulation
Article premier – paragraph 1 – point 22 – point b
Regulation (EC) No 810/2009
Article 32 – paragraph 3

Text proposed by the Commission

3. Applicants who have been refused a visa shall have the right *to appeal which* shall, at a certain stage of the proceedings, guarantee an effective

Amendment

3. Applicants who have been refused a visa shall have the right of *administrative* appeal *to the consular authority of* the Member State that has taken the final

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judicial appeal. Appeals shall be instituted against the Member State that has taken the final decision on the application and in accordance with the national law of that Member State. Member States shall provide applicants with detailed information regarding the procedure to be followed in the event of an appeal, as specified in Annex VI.";

decision on the application in accordance with the national law of that Member State.";

Or fr

Justification

It is up to each Member State to determine the avenues of appeal in the event of a refusal to issue a visa.

Amendment 73 Marie-Christine Arnautu

Proposal for a regulation Article premier – paragraph 1 – point 24Regulation (EC) No 810/2009
Article 36 a

Text proposed by the Commission

Amendment

[...]

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Or. fr

Justification

In the context of the migratory crisis currently facing the Member States, this new visa would complicate the task of border guards, and there is a risk that it might become a new avenue of irregular immigration. It is therefore preferable not to introduce it.

Amendment 74 Cláudia Monteiro de Aguiar

Proposal for a regulation Article 1 – paragraph 1 – point 24 Regulation (EC) No 810/2009 Article 36 a – paragraph 2

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The duration of the scheme shall be limited to *four* months in any calendar year and the categories of beneficiary shall be clearly defined and exclude third-country nationals falling within the category of persons for whom prior consultation is required in accordance with Article 22 and persons not residing in the country adjacent to the land-border crossing point or in a country having direct ferry connections to the sea-border crossing point. Those schemes shall only apply to nationals of third countries with which readmission agreements have been concluded and for which the Commission has not taken a decision in accordance with Article 25a(5).

Amendment

The duration of the scheme shall be limited to *five* months in any calendar year and the categories of beneficiary shall be clearly defined and exclude third-country nationals falling within the category of persons for whom prior consultation is required in accordance with Article 22 and persons not residing in the country adjacent to the land-border crossing point or in a country having direct ferry connections to the sea-border crossing point. Those schemes shall only apply to nationals of third countries with which readmission agreements have been concluded and for which the Commission has not taken a decision in accordance with Article 25a(5).

Or. en

Justification

Maintain the former proposal giving more flexibility for Member States.

Amendment 75 Jozo Radoš, Izaskun Bilbao Barandica

Proposal for a regulation
Article 1 – paragraph 1 – point 24
Regulation (EC) No 810/2009
Article 36 – paragraph 1

Text proposed by the Commission

3. The Member State concerned shall establish appropriate structures and deploy specially trained staff for the processing of visa applications and the carrying out of all verifications and risk assessment, as set out in Article 21.

Amendment

3. The Member State concerned shall establish appropriate structures and deploy specially trained staff for the processing of visa applications and the carrying out of all verifications and risk assessment, as set out in Article 21. *Staff shall receive training on digital file management.*

Or. en

Justification

To ensure smooth and quality service for applicants, Member States should ensure training on digital management for its staff.

Amendment 76 Cláudia Monteiro de Aguiar

Proposal for a regulation Article 1 – paragraph 1 – point 24 Regulation (EC) No 810/2009 Article 36 a – paragraph 6

Text proposed by the Commission

Member States shall notify the Commission of any schemes at the latest *six* months before the start of their implementation. The notification shall specify the categories of beneficiary, the geographical scope, the organisational arrangements for the scheme and the measures envisaged to ensure compliance with the conditions set out in this Article.

Amendment

Member States shall notify the Commission of any schemes at the latest *three* months before the start of their implementation. The notification shall specify the categories of beneficiary, the geographical scope, the organisational arrangements for the scheme and the measures envisaged to ensure compliance with the conditions set out in this Article.

Or. en

Justification

Maintain the former proposal giving more flexibility for Member States.

Amendment 77 Marie-Christine Arnautu

Proposal for a regulation Article premier – paragraph 1 – point 27 Regulation (EC) No 810/2009 Article 40 – paragraph 3

Text proposed by the Commission

3. A Member State may also cooperate with an external service provider in accordance with Article 43.

Amendment

3. A Member State may also cooperate with an external service provider *that is duly certified and regularly monitored* in accordance with Article 43.

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Justification

It is desirable to stress the need for the competent authorities to check that the work carried out by any external service provider accords with the rules governing the procedures for considering visa applications.

Amendment 78
Marie-Christine Arnautu

Proposal for a regulation Article premier – paragraph 1 – point 29 – point c Regulation (EC) No 810/2009 Article 43 – paragraph 7

Text proposed by the Commission

7. When selecting an external service provider, the Member State concerned shall assess the reliability and solvency of the organisation or company and ensure that there is no conflict of interests. The scrutiny shall include, *as appropriate*, the necessary licences, commercial registration, statutes and bank contracts.;

Amendment

7. When selecting an external service provider, the Member State concerned shall assess the reliability and solvency of the organisation or company and ensure that there is no conflict of interests. The scrutiny shall include the necessary licences, commercial registration, statutes, the criminal records of the managers and bank contracts.;

Or. fr

Justification

This is an additional security measure in the assessment of candidates applying to provide services externally.

Amendment 79 Marie-Christine Arnautu

Proposal for a regulation Article premier – paragraph 1 – point 29 – point f Regulation (EC) No 810/2009 Article 43 – paragraph 11 a

Text proposed by the Commission

Amendment

11a. By 1st January each year, Member

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States shall report to the Commission on their cooperation with and monitoring (as referred to in Annex X, point C) of external service providers worldwide.;

States shall report to the Commission *and* to their national representation on their cooperation with and monitoring (as referred to in Annex X, point C) of external service providers worldwide.;

Or. fr

Justification

The Member State should inform the national representation about the monitoring of external service providers.

Amendment 80 Marie-Pierre Vieu

Proposal for a regulation Article premier – paragraph 1 – point 33 – point d Regulation (EC) No 810/2009 Article 48 – paragraph 3 – point b

Text proposed by the Commission

Amendment

- (b) information with regard to the assessment of *migratory and/or* security risks, in particular on:
- (b) information with regard to the assessment of security risks, in particular on:

Or. fr

Amendment 81 Marie-Pierre Vieu

Proposal for a regulation
Article premier – paragraph 1 – point 33 – point d
Regulation (EC) No 810/2009
Article 48 – paragraph 3 – point b

Text proposed by the Commission

Amendment

(i) the socioeconomic structure of the deleted host country;

Or. fr

Amendment 82 Marie-Pierre Vieu

Proposal for a regulation Article premier – paragraph 1 – point 33 – point d

Regulation (EC) No 810/2009 Article 48 – paragraph 3 – point b

Text proposed by the Commission

Amendment

(iv) irregular immigration routes; deleted

Or. fr

Amendment 83 Marie-Pierre Vieu

Proposal for a regulation Article premier – paragraph 1 – point 33 – point d Regulation (EC) No 810/2009 Article 48 – paragraph 3 – point c

Text proposed by the Commission

Amendment

(c) information on cooperation with deleted transport companies;

Or. fr

Amendment 84 Marie-Pierre Vieu

Proposal for a regulation
Article premier – paragraph 1 – point 33 – point d
Regulation (EC) No 810/2009
Article 48 – paragraph 3 – point d

Text proposed by the Commission

Amendment

(d) information on insurance deleted companies providing adequate travel medical insurance, including verification of the type of coverage and possible excess amount.";

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Amendment 85 Rolandas Paksas

Proposal for a regulation Article 1 – paragraph 1 – point 37 a (new) Regulation (EC) No 810/2009 Annex V – Part A – point 3 a

Present text Amendment

(37a) Annex V, Part A point 3(a), is replaced by the following:

(a) documents relating to accommodation: "(a) documents relating to accommodation,

or proof of sufficient means to cover expenses or confirmation from inbound agent / operator that accommodation arrangements are being handled."

Or. en

(https://eur-lex.europa.eu/legal-content/EN/TXT/PDF/?uri=CELEX:32009R0810&from=EN)

Justification

The traveller either should present proof of accommodation, or proof of sufficient means to cover expenses or confirmation from inbound agent / operator that accommodation arrangements are being handled.