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Visa-free travel for Ukrainians comes into force



"Today, we bring down a barrier between the people of Ukraine and the people of the European Union. No more visa for short trips between our countries," said High Representative Federica Mogherini on the occasion of the entry into force of the visa liberalisation agreement between the EU and Ukraine.

"We made it, and we made it together", Mogherini said in a video message to Ukrainian citizens. "Ukraine has delivered the reforms its citizens were asking for. And we, in the European Union, we have kept our promise.

This is what we call a win-win solution. It will create new opportunities for all of us, strengthening our economies, our security and our friendship.

This is what our partnership is all about: making a difference to our citizens' everyday lives."

Approved by the Council in May, the agreement provides for visa-free travel for Ukrainian citizens with biometric passports travelling to the EU for up to 90 days in any 180-day period, for tourism, to visit relatives or friends, or for business purposes, but not to work. The exemption applies to all EU countries, except Ireland and the UK, plus Iceland, Liechtenstein, Norway and Switzerland.

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