



## **BiH without a chance of visa liberalisation?**

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The European Commission will soon present its report

On 18 May the European Commission will present its report about the readiness of Balkan countries for visa liberalisation. The report will focus on assessing the progress made, but from this it will become clear for which countries it will be possible to lift the visa regime at that moment.

Serbia, Macedonia and Montenegro are expected to be in this group, while Albania and BiH will be asked to invest additional efforts. The [Council] working group for the [Western] Balkans will discuss the report on 25 May on condition that there will not be any serious objections to its content. During June, the European Commission could put forward its official recommendation with regard to which countries should be put on the White Schengen List, according to SRNA [Bosnian Serb news agency].

“The meeting of [EU] foreign ministers on 16 June could be an important event. If things go well, they could already achieve agreement to abolish the visa regime. That would not be yet the formal decision, but it is likely that the reached agreement would be confirmed in the autumn,” said Alexandra Stiglmeier, a representative of the European Stability Initiative.