

VISA LIBERALIZATION PROCESS

The Government, by its Conclusion from December 11th 2008 set 22 concrete tasks upon ministries and state institutions, all of which are aimed at meeting all the criteria from the visa liberalization Roadmap. 14 tasks have been achieved and the remaining 8 will be completed by the end of April 2009 at latest:

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The Ministry of Foreign Affairs		
	DOCUMENT	DELIVERY STATUS
1.	Collecting of personal data for personalisation of new biometric passports in diplomatic missions and consular offices of the Republic of Serbia	Commenced in Paris, Düsseldorf , Vienna and London
2.	Law on the Ratification of the Agreement between the Republic of Serbia and the Kingdom of Denmark on alleviated visa issuance procedure	Adopted by the Parliament on March 18 th 2009
The Ministry of Justice		
1.	Law on the ratification of the Convention on the Cyber crime, from 2001	Adopted by the Parliament on March 18 th 2009
2.	Law on the ratification of the Additional Protocol to the Convention on the Cyber crime, relating to the incrimination acts of racist nature and xenophobia made by the means of information processing systems, from 2003	Adopted by the Parliament on March 18 th 2009
3.	Law on the ratification of the Council of Europe Convention on Action against Human Trafficking, from 2005	Adopted by the Parliament on March 18 th 2009
4.	Law on the ratification of the Council of Europe Convention on Money Laundering, Search, Seizure and Confiscation of the Proceeds from Crime and on the Financing Terrorism, from 2005	Adopted by the Parliament on March 18 th 2009
5.	Law on the ratification of the Protocol Amending the European Convention on the Suppressing of Terrorism, from 2003	Adopted by the Parliament on March 18 th 2009
6.	Law on the ratification of the Council of Europe Convention on the Prevention of Terrorism, from 2005	Adopted by the Parliament on March 18 th 2009
7.	Law on International Legal Assistance in Criminal Matters	Adopted by the Parliament on March 18 th 2009
8.	Decision on Establishing the Government Coordination Working Group for Justice and Home Affairs	Decision adopted by the Government, Working Group established
The Ministry of Labour and Social Policy		
1.	Strategy for the Reintegration of returnees under the Readmission Agreement	Adopted by the Government on February 13 th 2009
2.	Action Plan for the reception, providing care and assistance and integration of the returnees under the Readmission	Adopted by the Government on April

	Agreement	16 th 2009
3.	Anti- discrimination Law	Adopted by the Parliament on March 26 th 2009
The Ministry of Health		
1.	Strategy for Combating Drugs in the Republic of Serbia, for the period 2008-2012	Adopted by the Government on February 26 th 2009
2.	Action Plan for the Implementation of the Strategy for Combating Drugs in the Republic of Serbia for the period 2008-2012	In the process of drafting
The Ministry of Interior		
1.	Inter-ministerial agreement of cooperation in the area of Integrated Border Management	Signed in March by the Ministry of Interior, Ministry of Finance, Ministry of Agriculture and the Ministry of Infrastructure
2.	Strategy for Combating Illegal Migration	Adopted by the Government on March 26 th 2009
3.	Strategy Proposal for Combating Organized Crime	Adopted by the Government on March 26 th 2009
4.	Action Plan for the Implementation of the Strategy for Combating Organized Crime	Follows the adoption of the Strategy
5.	Action Plan for the Implementation of the Strategy for Combating Human Trafficking	In the procedure of adoption by the Government, due by the end of April 2009
6.	Decision on the Establishment of the Coordination Body for Implementation of Integrated Border Management	In the procedure of adoption by the Government, due by the end of April 2009
The Commissariat for Refugees		
1.	Strategy for Migration Management	In the process of drafting, due by the end of April 2009
2.	Decision on Establishment of the Government Coordination Body for Migration Management	Decision adopted by the Government, Coordination Body established

First expert mission on Block III Public Order and Security, visited Serbia 2nd-6th February. The main focus of the visit was fight against organized crime, fight against corruption and personal data protection. Even though preliminary assessment was positive, it was emphasized that the remaining strategic documents has to be adopted.

In the meantime, beside the laws and the ratified Conventions of the Council of Europe as set in the table above, the Law on Prevention of Money-laundering and Terrorism Financing was adopted by the National Parliament of RS in the session of 18th March.

Second expert mission on Block I Document Security visited Serbia on 16th – 20th February. Experts were informed in detail on all phases in the procedure of issuance of new biometric travel documents and identity documents, with all levels of security of personal documents, as well as with the procedure of issuing of breeder documents.

The new Law on Matricular Books was adopted by the National Parliament on 18th March.

Third expert mission on Block II Illegal migrations including Readmission was held from 9th–13th March. The experts discussed border control issues, asylum issues and migration - both legal and illegal, including the readmission. They visited border crossing points and all relevant stakeholders in these areas.

The meeting on Block IV External Relations and Fundamental Rights was held on 6th March in Brussels. The situation in the area of protection of minority rights, anti-discrimination and citizenship was discussed in detail.