



Mobility: Immigration alert

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European Union

New visa-free agreement between Kosovo and the EU

Executive summary

Effective 1 January 2024, nationals of Kosovo can enter any EU Member State (and EU nationals can enter Kosovo) without a visa and remain for up to 90 days in any 180-day period.

Key developments

Nationals of Kosovo who seek to enter the EU for more than 90 days will be required to obtain an appropriate visa prior to travel. Prior to the visa-free agreement between the EU and Kosovo, nationals of Kosovo could visit only 14 countries globally without a visa.

The visa-free agreement between the EU and Kosovo is part of more extensive legislation that aims to enable visa-free travel to the EU for citizens of the six countries of the Western Balkans, and vice versa. Citizens of the other Western Balkan countries (i.e., Albania, Bosnia and Herzegovina, Montenegro, North Macedonia and Serbia) can already travel to EU Member States without a visa.

Impact on employers

This agreement is expected to benefit employers by further facilitating travel for holders of passports issued by EU Member States and Kosovo.

Key steps

EY will continue to monitor these developments. Should you have any questions, we encourage you to contact one of our immigration professionals.

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