

# Austria

Eligible Ukrainian nationals and residents will soon be able to switch to Red-White-Red Plus Cards

## **Executive summary**

On 6 June 2024, Austria's governing parties passed a bill to enable eligible Ukrainian nationals and residents to switch to a Red-White-Red Plus Card. The bill will go into effect on 1 October 2024.

### Background

Red-White-Red Plus Cards authorize eligible third-country nationals (i.e., nationals of countries outside the EU and EEA) and their qualifying dependents to work and reside in Austria for an initial period of up to two years and can be renewed indefinitely in two-year increments. Holders may be self-employed or employed by a company located in Austria.

## Key developments

The new bill will apply to Ukrainian nationals and residents who meet <u>certain requirements</u> as well as their qualifying dependents.

### Impact on employers

This change is expected to benefit Austrian employers by increasing their access to skilled employees.

### 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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