

Conditions of entry and residence of third-country nationals for the purposes of highly qualified employment

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The Council noted the **overall support of all delegations for the Presidency compromise** on the proposal for a Directive on the conditions of entry and residence of third-country nationals for the purposes of highly qualified employment (Blue Card Directive).

The Council asked Coreper to finalise the text of this Directive on two specific points.

The JHA Council held a policy debate at its meeting in July 2008 and was largely in favour of complementary application of the European Blue Card scheme and national arrangements for issuing residence permits for employment purposes.