



Basic information	
<p><b>2023/0418(COD)</b></p> <p>COD - Ordinary legislative procedure (ex-codecision procedure) Regulation</p>	Procedure completed
<p>Third countries whose nationals are subject to or exempt from a visa requirement when crossing the external borders: holders of Serbian passports issued by the Serbian Coordination Directorate (Kordinaciona uprava)</p> <p>Amending Regulation 2018/1806 <a href="#">2018/0066(COD)</a></p> <p><b>Subject</b></p> <p>7.10.04 External borders crossing and controls, visas</p>	

Key players			
European Parliament	<b>Committee responsible</b>	<b>Rapporteur</b>	<b>Appointed</b>
	<div style="border: 1px solid red; display: inline-block; padding: 2px;">LIBE</div> Civil Liberties, Justice and Home Affairs	NEMEC Matjaž (S&D)	04/03/2024
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European Commission	<b>Commission DG</b>	<b>Commissioner</b>	
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Key events			
Date	Event	Reference	Summary
16/11/2023	Legislative proposal published	<a href="#">COM(2023)0733</a> 	Summary
11/12/2023	Committee referral announced in Parliament, 1st reading		
09/04/2024	Vote in committee, 1st reading		

09/04/2024	Committee report tabled for plenary, 1st reading	<a href="#">A9-0172/2024</a>	
23/04/2024	Decision by Parliament, 1st reading	<a href="#">T9-0305/2024</a>	<a href="#">Summary</a>
23/04/2024	Results of vote in Parliament		
22/07/2024	Act adopted by Council after Parliament's 1st reading		
18/09/2024	Final act signed		
23/09/2024	Final act published in Official Journal		

Technical information	
<b>Procedure reference</b>	2023/0418(COD)
<b>Procedure type</b>	COD - Ordinary legislative procedure (ex-codecision procedure)
<b>Procedure subtype</b>	Legislation
<b>Legislative instrument</b>	Regulation
<b>Amendments and repeals</b>	Amending Regulation 2018/1806 <a href="#">2018/0066(COD)</a>
<b>Legal basis</b>	Treaty on the Functioning of the European Union TFEU 077-p2
<b>Stage reached in procedure</b>	Procedure completed
<b>Committee dossier</b>	LIBE/9/13705

Documentation gateway				
<b>European Parliament</b>				
Document type	Committee	Reference	Date	Summary
Committee draft report		<a href="#">PE759.740</a>	05/03/2024	
Amendments tabled in committee		<a href="#">PE759.970</a>	18/03/2024	
Committee report tabled for plenary, 1st reading/single reading		<a href="#">A9-0172/2024</a>	09/04/2024	
Text adopted by Parliament, 1st reading/single reading		<a href="#">T9-0305/2024</a>	23/04/2024	<a href="#">Summary</a>
<b>Council of the EU</b>				
Document type	Reference	Date	Summary	
Draft final act	<a href="#">00081/2024/LEX</a>	18/09/2024		
<b>European Commission</b>				
Document type	Reference	Date	Summary	
Legislative proposal	<a href="#">COM(2023)0733</a> 	16/11/2023	<a href="#">Summary</a>	

Additional information
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Source	Document	Date
European Commission	EUR-Lex	

## Meetings with interest representatives published in line with the Rules of Procedure

### Rapporteurs, Shadow Rapporteurs and Committee Chairs

Transparency				
Name	Role	Committee	Date	Interest representatives
NEMEC Matjaž	Rapporteur	LIBE	19/03/2024	Chargé d'affaires of the Mission of the Republic of Serbia to the EU
NEMEC Matjaž	Rapporteur	LIBE	12/03/2024	Deputy Prime Minister of Kosovo
NEMEC Matjaž	Rapporteur	LIBE	06/03/2024	Embassy of Kosovo in Brussels

### Other Members

Transparency		
Name	Date	Interest representatives
MANDL Lukas	18/03/2024	Deputy Prime Minister of Republic of Kosovo

Final act
<a href="#">Regulation 2024/2495</a> <a href="#">OJ OJ L 23.09.2024</a> <span style="float: right;"><a href="#">Summary</a></span>

## Third countries whose nationals are subject to or exempt from a visa requirement when crossing the external borders: holders of Serbian passports issued by the Serbian Coordination Directorate (Kordinaciona uprava)

2023/0418(COD) - 16/11/2023 - Legislative proposal

**PURPOSE:** to amend Regulation (EU) 2018/1806 as regards holders of Serbian passports issued by the Serbian Coordination Directorate (Kordinaciona uprava).

**PROPOSED ACT:** Regulation of the European Parliament and of the Council.

**ROLE OF THE EUROPEAN PARLIAMENT:** the European Parliament decides in accordance with the ordinary legislative procedure and on an equal footing with the Council.

**BACKGROUND:** Regulation (EU) 2018/1806 of the European Parliament and of the Council lists the third countries whose nationals are to be in possession of visas when crossing the external borders of the Member States and those whose nationals are exempt from that requirement for stays of no more than 90 days in any 180-day period.

Serbia was transferred to the list of countries whose nationals are exempted from the visa requirement by Council Regulation (EC) No 1244/2009. That Regulation included an exclusion to the visa exemption concerning Kosovo Serbs holders of Serbian passports issued by the Serbian Coordination Directorate (in Serbian: Kordinaciona uprava).

Following the adoption of Regulation (EU) 2023/850 of the European Parliament and of the Council transferring Kosovo to Part 4 of Annex II to Regulation (EU) 2018/1806, holders of Serbian passports issued by the Serbian Coordination Directorate would remain the only citizens of the Western Balkan region required to be in possession of a visa for the crossing of Member States' external borders.

With the entry into force of the visa exemption for Kosovo passport holders, the Commission considers that the reasons behind the exclusion of holders of Serbian passports issued by the Serbian Coordination Directorate from that visa exemption no longer exist, and that all citizens of the Western Balkan region should benefit from visa-free travel to the Schengen area.

CONTENT: the Commission proposes to amend Regulation (EU) 2018/1806 to **exempt holders of Serbian passports issued by the Serbian Coordination Directorate from the requirement to be in possession of a visa** when crossing the external borders of the Member States for stays of no more than 90 days in any 180-day period.

Annex II to the Regulation 2018/1806 will be amended, by including the holders of Serbian passports issued by the Serbian Coordination Directorate (in Serbian: Koordinaciona uprava) within the reference to Serbia.

## **Third countries whose nationals are subject to or exempt from a visa requirement when crossing the external borders: holders of Serbian passports issued by the Serbian Coordination Directorate (Koordinaciona uprava)**

2023/0418(COD) - 23/04/2024 - Text adopted by Parliament, 1st reading/single reading

The European Parliament adopted by 406 votes to 97, with 94 abstentions, a legislative resolution on the proposal for a regulation of the European Parliament and of the Council amending Regulation (EU) 2018/1806 as regards holders of Serbian passports issued by the Serbian Coordination Directorate (Koordinaciona uprava).

The European Parliament adopted its position at first reading under the ordinary legislative procedure, taking over the Commission's proposal.

The Commission proposal aims to amend Regulation (EU) 2018/1806 in order to exempt holders of Serbian passports issued by the Serbian Coordination Directorate from the requirement to be in possession of a visa when crossing the external borders of the Member States for stays of no more than 90 days in any 180-day period.

Annex II to the Regulation 2018/1806 will be amended, by including the holders of Serbian passports issued by the Serbian Coordination Directorate (in Serbian: Koordinaciona uprava) within the reference to Serbia.

## **Third countries whose nationals are subject to or exempt from a visa requirement when crossing the external borders: holders of Serbian passports issued by the Serbian Coordination Directorate (Koordinaciona uprava)**

2023/0418(COD) - 23/09/2024 - Final act

PURPOSE: to amend Regulation (EU) 2018/1806 as regards holders of Serbian passports issued by the Serbian Coordination Directorate (*Koordinaciona uprava*).

LEGISLATIVE ACT: Regulation (EU) 2024/2495 of the European Parliament and of the Council amending Regulation (EU) 2018/1806 as regards holders of Serbian passports issued by the Serbian Coordination Directorate (*Koordinaciona uprava*).

CONTENT: Regulation (EU) 2018/1806 of the European Parliament and of the Council lists the third countries whose nationals are to be in possession of a visa when crossing the external borders of the Member States and those whose nationals are exempt from the visa requirement for stays of no more than 90 days in any 180-day period.

Serbia was transferred to the list of countries whose nationals are exempt from the visa requirement. That Regulation excluded from the visa exemption holders of Serbian passports issued by the Serbian Coordination Directorate (in Serbian: *Koordinaciona uprava*).

Following the adoption of Regulation (EU) 2023/850 of the European Parliament and of the Council, which transferred Kosovo from Part 2 of Annex I to Part 4 of Annex II to Regulation (EU) 2018/1806, holders of Serbian passports issued by the Serbian Coordination Directorate remain the only citizens of the Western Balkan region subject to the visa requirement.

To ensure that the whole Western Balkan region is subject to the same visa regime, this Regulation amends Regulation (EU) 2018/1806 to **exempt holders of Serbian passports issued by the Serbian Coordination Directorate from the requirement to be in possession of a visa** when crossing the external borders of the Member States for stays of no more than 90 days in any 180-day period.

Annex II to the Regulation 2018/1806 will be amended, by including the holders of Serbian passports issued by the Serbian Coordination Directorate (in Serbian: *Koordinaciona uprava*) within the reference to Serbia.