

Legal framework on issuing visas

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All Schengen member states have harmonised procedures and conditions for issuing short-stay visas (for stays of up to 90 days in any 180-day period).

It is determined and governed by legislation binding for all Schengen member states.

Regulation (EC) No 810/2009 of the European Parliament and of the Council of 13 July 2009 establishing a Community [Code on Visas](#);

European Union visa facilitation agreements with third countries:

[Agreement between the European Community and the Russian Federation on the facilitation of the issuance of visas to the citizens of the European Union and the Russian Federation](#)

[Agreement between the European Union and the Republic of Belarus on the facilitation of the issuance of visas](#)

[Agreement between the European Community and Ukraine on the facilitation of the issuance of visas](#)

[Agreement between the European Union and Ukraine amending the Agreement between the European Community and Ukraine on the facilitation of the issuance of visas](#)

[Agreement between the European Community and the Republic of Moldova on the facilitation of the issuance of visas](#)

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[Agreement between the European Union and Georgia on the facilitation of the issuances of visas](#)

[Agreement between the European Community and the Republic of Serbia on the facilitation of the issuance of visas](#)

[Agreement between the European Community and Bosnia and Herzegovina on the facilitation of the issuance of visas](#)

[Agreement between the European Community and the Republic of Montenegro on the facilitation of the issuance of visas](#)

[Agreement between the European Community and the Former Yugoslav Republic of Macedonia on the facilitation of the issuance of visas](#)

[Agreement between the European Community and the Republic of Albania on the facilitation of the issuance of visas](#)

[Agreement between the European Union and the Republic of Armenia on the facilitation of the issuance of visas](#)

[Agreement between the European Union and the Republic of Azerbaijan on the facilitation of the issuance of visas](#)

[Agreement between the European Union and the Republic of Cape Verde on facilitating the issue of short-stay visas to citizens of the Republic of Cape Verde and of the European Union](#)

[Agreement between the European Union and the People's Republic of China on the short-stay visa waiver for holders of diplomatic passports](#)

[Agreement between the European Union and the Republic of Belarus on the facilitation of the issuance of visas](#)

For a detailed information on the Latvian visa laws and regulations, visit the website of the [Office for Citizenship and Migration Affairs](#).

<https://www.mfa.gov.lv/en/legal-framework-issuing-visas>