








# Procedure file

Basic information	
<p>COD - Ordinary legislative procedure (ex-codecision procedure) Regulation</p> <p>2023/0418(COD)</p>	Awaiting Council's 1st reading position
<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 (Koordinaciona uprava)</p> <p>Amending Regulation 2018/1806 <a href="#">2018/0066(COD)</a></p> <p>Subject 7.10.04 External borders crossing and controls, visas</p>	

Key players			
European Parliament	Committee responsible	Rapporteur	Appointed
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Key events			
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	<a href="#">A9-0172/2024</a>	

	reading		
23/04/2024	Decision by Parliament, 1st reading	<a href="#">T9-0305/2024</a>	Summary

Technical information	
Procedure reference	2023/0418(COD)
Procedure type	COD - Ordinary legislative procedure (ex-codecision procedure)
Procedure subtype	Legislation
Legislative instrument	Regulation
	Amending Regulation 2018/1806 <a href="#">2018/0066(COD)</a>
Legal basis	Treaty on the Functioning of the EU TFEU 077-p2
Stage reached in procedure	Awaiting Council's 1st reading position
Committee dossier	LIBE/9/13705

Documentation gateway					
Legislative proposal		<a href="#">COM(2023)0733</a>	16/11/2023	EC	Summary
Committee draft report		<a href="#">PE759.740</a>	05/03/2024	EP	
Amendments tabled in committee		<a href="#">PE759.970</a>	18/03/2024	EP	
Committee report tabled for plenary, 1st reading/single reading		<a href="#">A9-0172/2024</a>	09/04/2024	EP	
Text adopted by Parliament, 1st reading/single reading		<a href="#">T9-0305/2024</a>	23/04/2024	EP	Summary

## 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)

**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: Kordinaciona 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 (Kordinaciona uprava)

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 (Kordinaciona 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: Kordinaciona uprava) within the reference to Serbia.

Transparency				
NEMEC Matja?	Rapporteur	LIBE	19/03/2024	Chargé d'affaires of the Mission of the Republic of Serbia to the EU
NEMEC Matja?	Rapporteur	LIBE	12/03/2024	Deputy Prime Minister of Kosovo
NEMEC Matja?	Rapporteur	LIBE	06/03/2024	Embassy of Kosovo in Brussels
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