
MONTENEGRO: VISA GAME BEYOND THE EU NOTES: RESTORING VISA-FREE REGIME FOR TURKEY IS NOT IN LINE WITH BRUSSELS POLICY

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The restoration of the visa-free regime for Turkish citizens, even with a reduction in the stay to 30 days, does not solve the essential problem and may further burden relations with the European Union (EU), believes the former Secretary General of the Ministry of Foreign Affairs (MVP). Mileta Radovanić, while representatives of the Brussels administration warn of Montenegro's obligation to fully align with the European visa policy in order to meet the final benchmark for Chapter 24 (Justice, Freedom and Security).

The EU Delegation in Podgorica told "Vijesti" that, as has been repeatedly emphasized, especially in the annual enlargement reports, the European Commission (EC) expects Montenegro to, as a priority, continue to align with the EU visa policy in order to meet the final benchmark for Chapter 24.

This, they stated, implies full harmonisation with the list of countries whose citizens require a visa to enter the EU, which includes the permanent abolition of the visa-free regime with Turkey.

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