

The EU just agreed to grant visa-free travel to 50 million Ukrainians and Georgians

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The former Soviet republics are seeking to move further away from their former master Moscow

By Samuel Osborne for The Independent (UK), Dec 8, 2016: The EU has reached an agreement to grant visa-free travel to 50 million Ukrainians and Georgians. Officials said the deal had been struck on Thursday to end an internal EU dispute that had been holding up the promised measures. Late-night talks involving EU member states and the European Parliament had reached a compromise on the terms of a mechanism which can be used to suspend the visa-free schemes in emergencies. The deal on visa suspension must still be formally approved by the member states and the European Parliament. [⋮] <http://www.independent.co.uk/news/world/europe/eu-agrees-visa-free-travel-to-ukraine-georgia-a7462631.html>