## European Parliament approves visa-free travel for Ukrainians

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An EU bill allowing Ukrainians into the bloc for short stays without visas has been overwhelmingly backed by the European Parliament. Amid the conflict with Russia, the deal is a show of closer EU-Ukraine ties.

BRUSSELS, Apr 7, 2017 (UBO) - The European Parliament on Thursday voted overwhelmingly in favor of enabling Ukrainians to travel to the EU without a visa. The proposed bill passed by a 521-75 margin - with 36 abstentions. Ukrainians who have biometric passports would be <u>authorized to enter EU countries</u>, except for the UK and Ireland, without a visa for 90 days in any 180-day period. Ukrainians will also be able to access non-EU countries Iceland, Liechtenstein, Norway and Switzerland without a visa. [&hellip;] <a href="http://p.dw.com/p/2anuk">http://p.dw.com/p/2anuk</a> Photo courtesy article source