

Poroshenko signs EU agreement liberalizing visa requirements for Ukrainians Travel

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May 17, 2017 During a working visit to Strasbourg, President Petro Poroshenko took part in a solemn ceremony of signing the document on visa liberalization with the EU for Ukrainians. The legislative act of the EU granting visa-free regime has been signed by President of the European Parliament Antonio Tajani and Minister for Home Affairs and National Security Carmelo Abela. “Today is a historical day for Ukraine, for my 45 million nation. And I am absolutely confident that this is a historical day for the EU. Ukraine returns to the European family. Ukraine says final farewell to the Soviet and Russian empire,” Petro Poroshenko said at the press conference upon completion of the ceremony. According to the Head of State, Ukraine is absolutely decisive to continue reforms. He reminded that just for the visa-free regime with the EU Ukraine implemented 144 reforms. “I would like to thank President Tajani, because under his prominent leadership the European Parliament by the overwhelming majority switched on the green light for Ukrainians as regards the European future,” the President noted. Poroshenko thanked the European Commission for the preparation of a legislative proposal and for a very hard work on supporting Ukraine on that track. He also thanked the EU Council and all the member-states for supporting the country. “This is very important. I always say that the war is not a reason for not providing reforms. And I appreciate the European Parliament for supporting us in this not easy time when Ukraine defends against Russian aggression,” he said. Poroshenko invited the President of the European Parliament to visit Ukraine. “I would like to use this opportunity to invite President Tajani to visit Ukraine to emphasize that you are a real hero, Mr. President. A hero of Ukraine’s return to the European family,” the President stressed. […] [http://www.president.gov.ua/en/news/c ... soyuzu-prezident-vz-41422](http://www.president.gov.ua/en/news/c...soyuzu-prezident-vz-41422) Photo and text courtesy Presidential Press Office; text editing by UBO