

Georgia and Ukraine Standing in Implementing Visa Liberalisation Action Plans (VLAP) with the EU

The European Commission released on May 8 its most recent reports on implementation of VLAP by Georgia and Ukraine on May 8. For Ukraine it was the fifth progress report since VLAP was presented to the country in November, 2010 and for Georgia it was the third progress report since VLAP was presented in February, 2013. The reports assess the progress made by the countries in meeting the benchmarks set by the action plan in areas ranging from document security, border and migration management to public order, external relations and fundamental rights. The reports assess these benchmarks as either “achieved”, “almost achieved” or “partially achieved”.

Benchmarks	Georgia	Ukraine
Document Security	Achieved	Almost Achieved
Integrated Border Management	Achieved	Almost Achieved
Migration Management	Almost Achieved	Almost Achieved
Asylum Policy	Partially Achieved	Partially Achieved
Fighting Organised Crime	Achieved	Partially Achieved
Trafficking of Human Beings	Partially Achieved	Partially Achieved
Anti-Corruption	Partially Achieved	Partially Achieved
Money Laundering	Almost Achieved	Almost Achieved
Drug policy	Partially Achieved	Almost Achieved
International Judicial Cooperation in Criminal Matters	Achieved	Achieved
Law Enforcement Cooperation	Almost Achieved	Almost Achieved
Protection of Personal Data	Achieved	Almost Achieved
Freedom of Movement Within Country	Achieved	Almost Achieved

Issuance of Travel, Identity Documents	Achieved	Achieved
Citizens' Rights, Protection of Minorities	Almost Achieved	Partially Achieved

Source: *Civil.ge based on European Commission's reports on implementation of VLAPs by Georgia and Ukraine, released on May 8, 2015*