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THE EUROPEAN COMMISSION,

Having regard to the Treaty on the Functioning of the European Union,

Having regard to Regulation (EC) No 810/2009 of the European Parliament and of the Council of 13 July 2009 establishing a Community Code on Visas¹, and in particular Article 14(5a) thereof,

Whereas:

- (1) Regulation (EC) No 810/2009 lays down the procedures and conditions for issuing visas for intended stays on the territory of the Member States that do not exceed 90 days in any 180-day period ('short-stay visas').
- (2) Article 48(1a), point (a), of Regulation (EC) No 810/2009 provides that Member States and the Commission are to cooperate in preparing harmonised lists of supporting documents to be submitted by visa applicants, taking into account Article 14 of that Regulation.
- (3) Following an analysis taking the assessment of local circumstances into account, it can be concluded that there is a need for a harmonised list of supporting documents to be submitted by visa applicants in Serbia. Since Serbian citizens are visa-free if they hold a biometric passport, the list will primarily apply to non-Serbian residents in Serbia. To allow consulates to properly assess visa applications, the applicant should be required to present documents indicating the purpose of the journey, documents in relation to accommodation, and documents indicating that the applicant possesses sufficient means of subsistence. In addition, it is necessary to require visa applicants to present proof of ties in Serbia in order to make it possible to assess their intention to leave the territory of the Member States before the expiry of the visa that they are applying for.
- (4) For applicants that are known to a consulate for their integrity and reliability, that consulate may, under certain conditions, waive the requirements set out in Article 14(1) of Regulation (EC) No 810/2009, in accordance with Article 14(6) of that Regulation. In justified cases, consulates may also request additional documents during the examination of a visa application, in accordance with Article 21(8) of Regulation (EC) No 810/2009.

¹ OJ L 243, 15.9.2009, p. 1, ELI: <http://data.europa.eu/eli/reg/2009/810/oj>.

- (5) Given that Denmark decided to implement Regulation (EC) No 810/2009 which builds upon the Schengen *acquis* in its national law, in accordance with Article 4 of Protocol No 22 on the position of Denmark, annexed to the Treaty on European Union and to the Treaty on the Functioning of the European Union, Denmark is bound under international law to implement this Decision.
- (6) This Decision does not constitute a development of the provisions of the Schengen *acquis* in which Ireland takes part in accordance with Council Decision 2002/192/EC². Ireland is therefore not taking part in the adoption of this Decision and is not bound by it or subject to its application.
- (7) As regards Iceland and Norway, this Decision constitutes a development of the provisions of the Schengen *acquis* within the meaning of the Agreement concluded by the Council of the European Union and the Republic of Iceland and the Kingdom of Norway concerning the latter's association with the implementation, application and development of the Schengen *acquis*³, which fall within the area referred to in Article 1, point B, of Council Decision 1999/437/EC⁴.
- (8) As regards Switzerland, this Decision constitutes a development of the provisions of the Schengen *acquis* within the meaning of the Agreement between the European Union, the European Community and the Swiss Confederation on the Swiss Confederation's association with the implementation, application and development of the Schengen *acquis*⁵, which fall within the area referred to in Article 1, point B, of Decision 1999/437/EC, read in conjunction with Article 3 of Council Decision 2008/146/EC⁶.
- (9) As regards Liechtenstein, this Decision constitutes a development of the provisions of the Schengen *acquis* within the meaning of the Protocol between the European Union, the European Community, the Swiss Confederation and the Principality of Liechtenstein on the accession of the Principality of Liechtenstein to the Agreement between the European Union, the European Community and the Swiss Confederation on the Swiss Confederation's association with the implementation, application and development of the Schengen *acquis*⁷, which fall within the area referred to in Article 1, point B, of Decision 1999/437/EC read in conjunction with Article 3 of Council Decision 2011/350/EU⁸.

² Council Decision 2002/192/EC of 28 February 2002 concerning Ireland's request to take part in some of the provisions of the Schengen *acquis* (OJ L 64, 7.3.2002, p. 20, ELI: <http://data.europa.eu/eli/dec/2002/192/oj>).

³ OJ L 176, 10.7.1999, p. 36, ELI: [http://data.europa.eu/eli/agree_internation/1999/439\(1\)/oj](http://data.europa.eu/eli/agree_internation/1999/439(1)/oj).

⁴ Council Decision 1999/437/EC of 17 May 1999 on certain arrangements for the application of the Agreement concluded by the Council of the European Union and the Republic of Iceland and the Kingdom of Norway concerning the association of those two States with the implementation, application and development of the Schengen *acquis* (OJ L 176, 10.7.1999, p. 31, ELI: <http://data.europa.eu/eli/dec/1999/437/oj>).

⁵ OJ L 53, 27.2.2008, p. 52, ELI: [http://data.europa.eu/eli/agree_internation/2008/178\(1\)/oj](http://data.europa.eu/eli/agree_internation/2008/178(1)/oj).

⁶ Council Decision 2008/146/EC of 28 January 2008 on the conclusion, on behalf of the European Community, of the Agreement between the European Union, the European Community and the Swiss Confederation on the Swiss Confederation's association with the implementation, application and development of the Schengen *acquis* (OJ L 53, 27.2.2008, p. 1, ELI: <http://data.europa.eu/eli/dec/2008/146/oj>).

⁷ OJ L 160, 18.6.2011, p. 21, ELI: <http://data.europa.eu/eli/prot/2011/349/oj>.

⁸ Council Decision 2011/350/EU of 7 March 2011 on the conclusion, on behalf of the European Union, of the Protocol between the European Union, the European Community, the Swiss Confederation and the Principality of Liechtenstein on the accession of the Principality of Liechtenstein to the Agreement

- (10) As regards Cyprus, this Decision constitutes an act building upon, or otherwise relating to, the Schengen *acquis* within the meaning of Article 3(2) of the 2003 Act of Accession.
- (11) The measures provided for in this Decision are in accordance with the opinion of the Committee established by Article 52(1) of Regulation (EC) No 810/2009,

HAS ADOPTED THIS DECISION:

Article 1

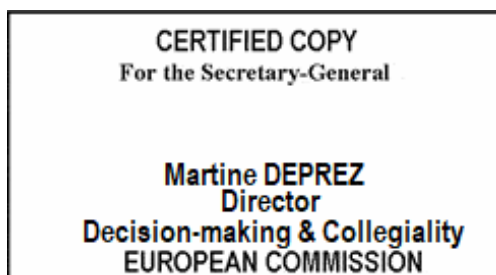
The list of supporting documents to be submitted by applicants in Serbia for short-stay visas is set out in the Annex.

Article 2

This Decision is addressed to the Kingdom of Belgium, the Republic of Bulgaria, the Czech Republic, the Federal Republic of Germany, the Republic of Estonia, the Hellenic Republic, the Kingdom of Spain, the French Republic, the Republic of Croatia, the Italian Republic, the Republic of Cyprus, the Republic of Latvia, the Republic of Lithuania, the Grand Duchy of Luxembourg, Hungary, the Republic of Malta, the Kingdom of the Netherlands, the Republic of Austria, the Republic of Poland, the Portuguese Republic, Romania, the Republic of Slovenia, the Slovak Republic, the Republic of Finland and the Kingdom of Sweden.

Done at Brussels, 16.3.2026

For the Commission
Magnus BRUNNER
Member of the Commission



between the European Union, the European Community and the Swiss Confederation on the Swiss Confederation's association with the implementation, application and development of the Schengen *acquis*, relating to the abolition of checks at internal borders and movement of persons (OJ L 160, 18.6.2011, p. 19, ELI: <http://data.europa.eu/eli/dec/2011/350/oj>).



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List of supporting documents to be submitted by applicants in Serbia for short-stay visas

I. General requirements for persons applying for a visa irrespective of the purpose of travel

1. Travel arrangements

Return ticket or reservation or another document confirming the means of transport, e.g. a contract with a transport company or a copy of the drivers' registration certificate and driving license; documentation proving the right to use a motor vehicle or other means of transport, etc.; consent of the owner in case the car does not belong to the applicant and intended itinerary.

2. Proof of financial means

- a) Bank account statement covering the last 3 months (stamped and signed by the bank, no online self-print).
- b) Proof of regular income, e.g. salary slips of the last 3 months.

3. Proof of family links or other personal ties in Serbia

Marriage certificate (copy), birth certificates of children and copies of their passports (data page) with valid residence permits for Serbia (if applicable), university or school certificate; certificate of property ownership, etc.

4. Non Serbian nationals:

- a) Proof of residence permit in Serbia (sticker or plastic card), valid for a period of at least 1 months after return.
- b) If the purpose of Serbian residence permit is ownership of property, proof of valid contract or title deed.

5. Employees

- a) Declaration of the employer stating the present employment, indication of monthly salary amount and approved days-off for the intended travel.
- b) Employment contract
- c) CROSO (Central Register of Mandatory Social Insurance) printout of (optional):
 - i. Uverenje o podacima sadrzanim u jedinstvenoj bazi Centralnog registra (central register concerning current employment) and, where requested,
 - ii. Uverenje o istoriji prijava (certificate of former payroll tax and social fees paid).

6. Individual entrepreneurs

- a) APR (Business Registers Agency) registration printout.
- b) Proof of paid taxes.
- c) Proof of business account (bank documents).
- d) Proof of activity of the company: service or supply contracts, invoices or cash receipts proving effective business turnover in the last 3 months.

7. Students

Letter of enrolment from school/university/faculty/kindergarten with establishment in Serbia.

8. Retired person:

Pension slip

9. Minors

- a) If minor travels alone or only with one parent or legal guardian:
 - i. Birth certificate of the minor.
 - ii. Notarised consent from the holders of the parental authority (both parents) or of the legal guardian.
 - iii. Copy of the passports/ID of the parents/legal guardians.
- b) If minor travels with both parents or legal guardians:
 - i. Birth certificate of the minor and copy of the passports of the parent(s) or legal guardian.
 - ii. If one of the parents/guardians is already in possession of a valid Schengen visa: clear color copy of the valid Schengen visa and travel itinerary with the names of all travelers.
 - iii. If one of the parents/legal guardians does not require a Schengen visa: color copy of the holder page of the said passport and travel itinerary with the names of all travelers.
 - iv. If one of the parents/legal guardians has passed or one of the parents/legal guardians has sole custody: photocopy of death certificate of the deceased or judicial verdict of the custody.

II. Supporting documents to be submitted by applicant depending on travel purpose

1. Tourism

Proof of hotel booking or other paid accommodation (covering entire period in the Schengen area) and travel plan.

2. Business

- a) In case the inviting party covers travel and subsistence expenses or provides accommodation: proof of sponsorship and/or private accommodation by means of an official national form (required by some Member States)

- b) Invitation letter by the host/inviting party or company containing the following information:
 - i. name and address of host/inviting party or company and name of the contact person
 - ii. name and position of the person signing the request
 - iii. name and address of the invitee
 - iv. written confirmation that the inviting party will cover all travel and subsistence expenses, or that the sending company will cover all the expenses
 - v. purpose of visit
 - vi. period of visit
- c) letter of sending company, stating the applicant's work status in the company and the relationship with the inviting company (also includes the purpose of the visit and the length of stay).
- d) for attendance at a fair: the entry card or documents about participation
- e) Company registration number of the inviting party.

3. Private/family visit

- a) Proof of sponsorship and/or private accommodation by means of an official national form (required by some Member States).
- b) Invitation letter by the host/inviting party or company containing at least the following information:
 - i. name and address of the host/ inviting party
 - ii. name and address of invitee
 - iii. whether the host/inviting party covers all or part of the travel and subsistence expenses
 - iv. purpose of visit
 - v. period of visit
 - vi. details on the relationship between the inviting party and the applicant (including birth certificate, marriage certificate etc.)
 - vii. proof of host's residency in the destination country
 - viii. date and signature
- c) copy of the passport/ID of the inviting person
- d) proof that the inviting person is the owner of the property (optional)
- e) Personal ID number from the relevant Member State (if applicable)

4. Other travel purposes (e.g. sports, cultural events)

ticket or reservation, documents proving the purpose of travel

5. Medical treatment

- a) A document issued by the medical institution in the Schengen Member State confirming that the applicant will receive medical care in that institution.

- b) Pre-payment or other proof of sufficient financial means to cover the medical treatment and related expenses, such as insurance coverage or guarantee of payment.

6. Airport transit, if applicable

- a) Valid entry permit, e.g. visa for the country of next or final destination.
- b) Proof of arrangements made for onward journey, such as copy of onward ticket or reservation, and plausible explanation of itinerary.