



Declaration of the Federal Council pertaining to non-discrimination of Croatian citizens

The Federal Council states that it will treat Croatian citizens in the same manner as it treats nationals of other EU Member States. For this purpose, the Federal Council will issue equal quotas to Croatian citizens as they would enjoy if the Protocol III to the Agreement on the Free Movement of Persons had been signed. This will apply until a comprehensive solution regarding the free movement of persons is found between Switzerland and the EU or by 9th February 2017 at the latest. Moreover, the Federal Council will guarantee to the European Union that Switzerland will treat Croatian citizens equally to the citizens of other EU member states within the above mentioned comprehensive solution or in line with Protocol III if it enters into force.

Furthermore, the Federal Council states that:

- from 1 July 2014, it will give Croatian citizens access to the Swiss labour market by giving them equal quotas, as if Protocol III had been signed. Therefore, Croatian citizens would have each year up to 50 residence permits (longer than one year) and 450 short-term residence permits (from four months to a year), and 1000 Croatian workers could annually come to Switzerland for a stay shorter than four months. These quotas will be written in a legislative act to be adopted by the Federal Council;
- it will adopt a legislative act under its competence with the objective to guarantee that Switzerland will, from 1 July 2014, recognise professional qualifications acquired in Croatia;
- it will propose to the European Union to sign the Addendum to the Memorandum of 27 February 2006 pertaining to Switzerland's financial contribution, as it was agreed with the European Commission, and shall request from the Swiss Parliament to approve the payment of 45 million francs to Croatia as foreseen by this Addendum.