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More than three years ago, ISE started working on the planned revision of the so called 'Scientific Visa' directive, a legal initiative to improve the conditions for entry and residence of non-EU researchers in the EU. Last week, finally, good news, an agreement between the negotiating teams from the European Parliament and the Council has been reached.

The result is still unofficial, subject to formal approval by the Parliament and the Council of the EU. Some of the key elements of the agreement are:

- Non-EU researchers will be able stay at least nine months in the EU after their research project has ended to find a job or start a business.

- The family of non-EU researchers will be able to join without restrictions (i.e. work permit will be granted).

- The intra-European mobility question has been solved. Non-EU researchers that move from one EU country to another will need to notify authorities, but will no longer need to apply for a new residence and work permit. This will facilitate the involvement of non-EU researchers in cross-border research projects. UK, Ireland and Denmark are exempt of the directive, though Ireland is expected to join voluntarily (possibly Denmark as well). The activities of ISE started with a position paper in August 2012 to give input for the Commission proposal http://www.initiative-science-europe.org/pdf/ISE_Scientific_visa_final.pdf

One year ago, I finalised a collection of testimonials from researchers on their experience and problems with the current visa and residence permit regulations which was sent to the negotiation parties. The EU member states have now, formally, another two years time to implement the directive; which may open the discussion in some countries given the fact that countries are always allowed to offer better conditions than what is prescribed in the directive.

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