

Presentation of the Handbook

Pre-departure information for Indians going to Europe

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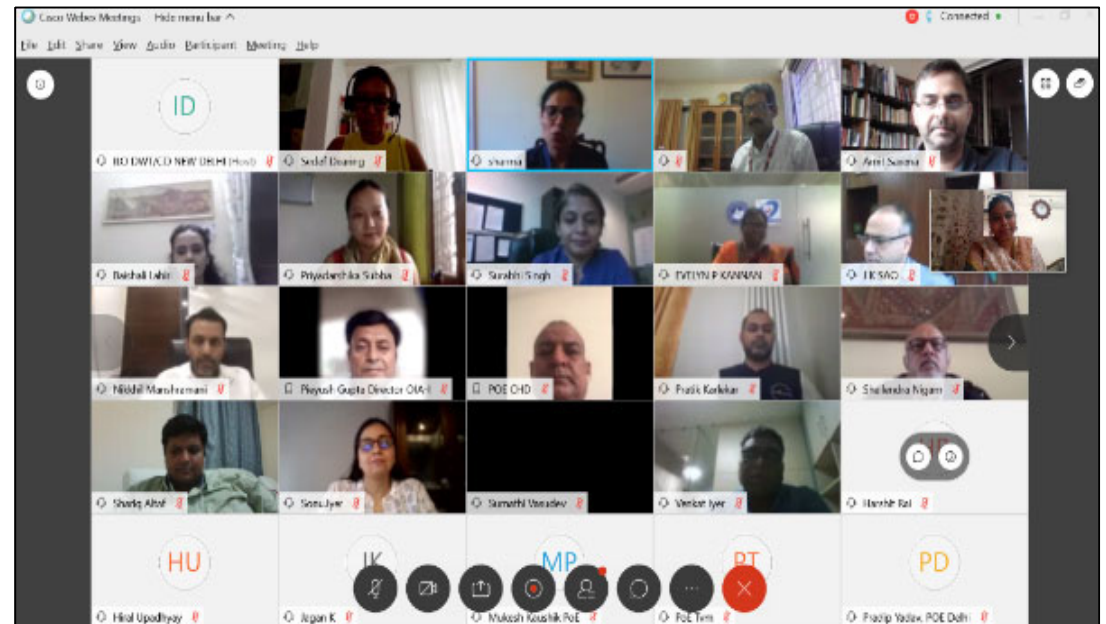
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Background

- 3 consultations in 2020 held with
 - PDOT trainers, RAs
 - Civil society, academia
 - Government representatives



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Introducing Europe

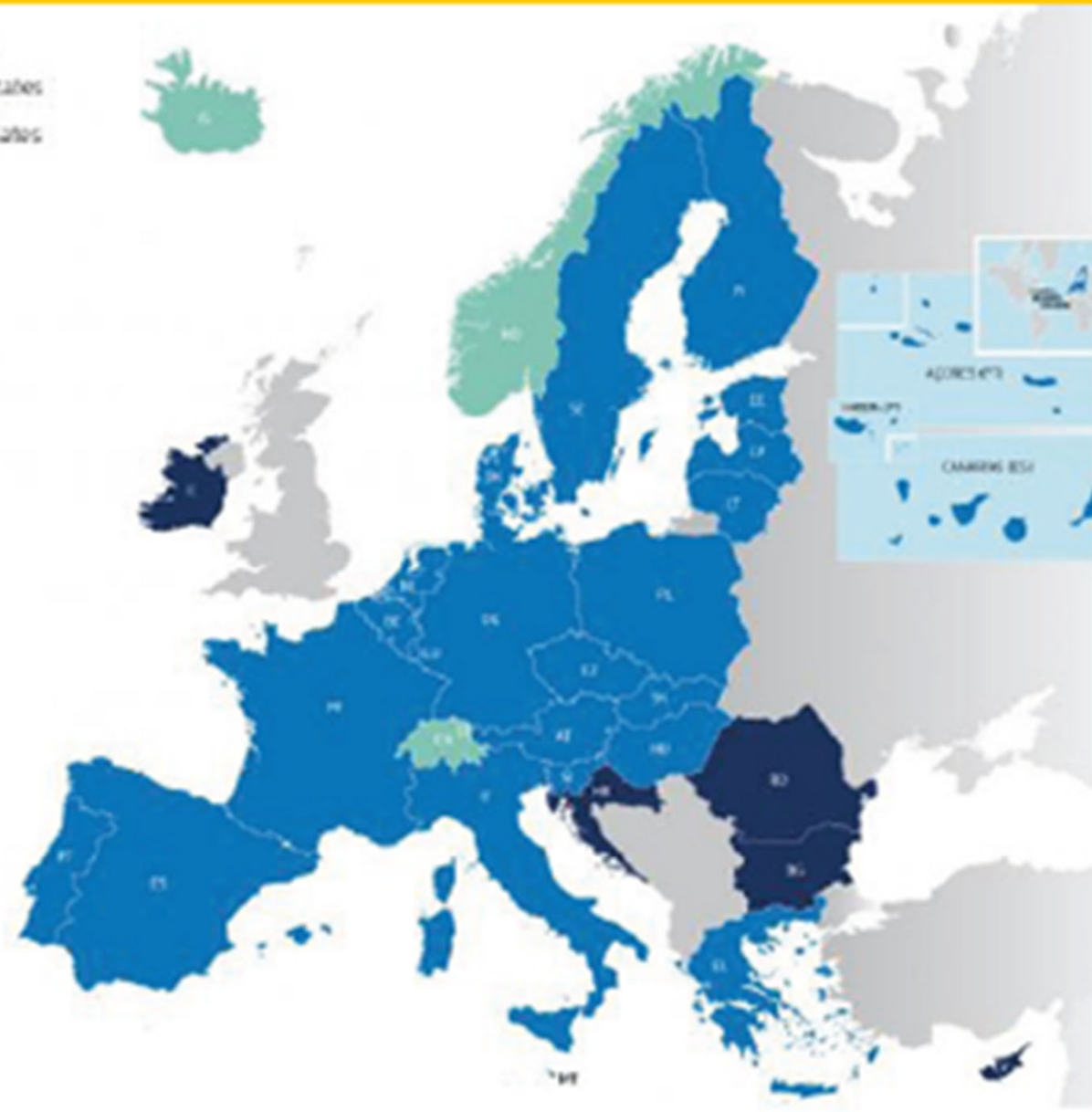
- The EU countries
- The Schengen area
- Eurozone areas

Moving within the
EU/Schengen



- EU Schengen states
- Non-Schengen EU states
- Non-Eu Schengen states

AT	Austria
BE	Belgium
BG	Bulgaria
CH	Switzerland
CY	Cyprus
CZ	Czech Republic
DE	Germany
DK	Denmark
EE	Estonia
EL	Greece
ES	Spain
FI	Finland
FR	France
HR	Croatia
HU	Hungary
IE	Ireland
IS	Iceland
IT	Italy
LI	Liechtenstein
LT	Lithuania
LU	Luxembourg
LV	Latvia
MT	Malta
NL	Netherlands
NO	Norway
PL	Poland
PT	Portugal
RO	Romania
SE	Sweden
SI	Slovenia
SK	Slovakia



Moving to the EU

Clarifying expectations

Going to the EU to work

Professional considerations

Choosing a country to migrate to

Social and living considerations

Family and India-related
considerations

Joining a family member

Going to EU for work

Where a person may find potential job opportunities - EURES job mobility portal

How to check the wages, the cost of living in the country and working conditions.

The quality of employment and quality of life index is also included

The screenshot shows the EURES (European Union Recruitment and Employment Support) portal. The header is blue with the EURES logo and navigation links: Home, Jobseekers, Employers, Living & Working, and EURES Services. Below the header, there's a sidebar on the left with links like 'Labour market information - Austria', 'Living and working conditions - Austria', 'Search for EURES Advisers - Austria', and 'Find a job - Austria'. The main content area is titled 'Living and working conditions' and includes a section for 'About living & working' with a 'Select a country' dropdown menu set to 'Austria'. Below this, there's a section for 'Austria' with various filters and dropdowns for 'Rules on the free movement of workers', 'Working in another Member State', 'Traineeships & Apprenticeships', 'Moving to another Member State', 'Working conditions', and 'Living conditions'. The 'Living conditions' dropdown is open, showing a list of topics: Summary of living conditions in Europe, The political, administrative and legal system, Income and taxation, Cost of living, Accommodation, The health system, The education system, Cultural and social life, Private life (clubs, hobbies, etc.), and Transport.

Quality of life indicators –Eurostat website



Moving to the EU

- Questions around Professional considerations and choosing a country to migrate to (detailed information and key questions to ask oneself including
 - Social and living conditions
 - Family considerations
 - Numbers of Indians per EU MS



TYPES of VISAS

1. Transit
2. Short-stay
3. Long-stay

European employment visa programs

- Highly qualified worker - Blue card scheme
- Inter-Corporate Transferee (ICT)
- Entrepreneur or self-employed
- Seasonal worker

Sponsoring family members

- Details of who can be sponsored and requirements for sponsorship.
- Proof would be required of insurance, language test, accommodation, income etc

Applying for a work visa in the EU

The steps and the documents and time required and the website to link to for detailed information.

Professional skills and language requirement for different categories including regulated professions

How long is a work visa valid in the EU (different visa types including things to look out for in the visa)

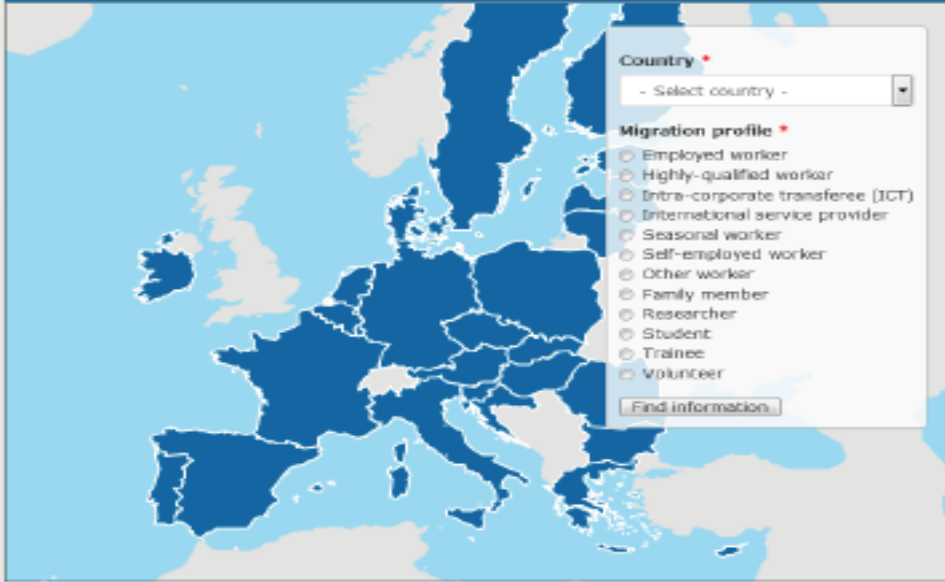
Extending the EU work permit – how to and for how long is this possible.

EU Immigration portal

Moving to the European Union?

Welcome to the EU Immigration Portal. On these pages you can find practical information about coming to work or study in the EU for more than 90 days and on how to join your family in the EU. If you already are in the EU and you would like to know more about your rights or you would like to move from one EU country to another, you can also find relevant information on this Portal. If you are planning a short stay of up to 90 days in one of the EU Member States and associated states that are part of the Schengen area you can find information here.

Which country do you want to go to?



Country *

- Select country -

Migration profile *

- ☐ Employed worker
- ☐ Highly-qualified worker
- ☐ Intra-corporate transferee (ICT)
- ☐ International service provider
- ☐ Seasonal worker
- ☐ Self-employed worker
- ☐ Other worker
- ☐ Family member
- ☐ Researcher
- ☐ Student
- ☐ Trainee
- ☐ Volunteer

[Find information](#)

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Finding a job in the EU

Questions to ask while gathering information

Questions to ask while applying for a job and tracking applications

Using a recruitment agent – what are the key considerations of finding an agent, specially highlighting that they be registered agents of MEA and the website to check

Submitting a job application and to check validity of the offer.

Things to look out for in a standard contract

Steps for obtaining a passport from India

Step 1	Register through the Passport Seva Online Portal. ²⁴ (You can do this by clicking the User Registration link on the portal's home page).
Step 2	Login using your registered login details.
Step 3	Click the Apply for Fresh Passport / Re-issue of Passport link.
Step 4	Fill in the required details in the form and submit.
Step 5	Click the Pay and Schedule Appointment link on the View Saved / Submitted Applications screen to schedule an appointment. Online payments have now been made mandatory for booking appointments at all PSKs and Post Office Passport Seva Kendras (POPSK). Online payments can be made using any one of the following modes: - o Credit or debit card (MasterCard and Visa) - o Internet banking (State Bank of India (SBI), associate banks and other banks) - o SBI Bank challan
Step 6	Click the Print Application Receipt link to print your application receipt containing an application reference number (ARN) / appointment number. You do not have to carry a printout of your application receipt any longer. The SMS you receive with your appointment details is also acceptable as proof of appointment during your visit to the Passport Office.
Step 7	Visit the PSK or RPO where your appointment has been booked along with your original documents.

Irregular migration, smuggling and trafficking

Definition to explain these terms

Signs of Illegal Recruitment – what to be alert about

What risks could you face if you are an irregular migrant in an EU country and how do you avoid these risks

Signs of trafficking

What to do in case you are a victim including where to find the Embassy address

Living in Europe

Preparing for
cultural
differences

Culture in Europe
– the values of the
EU

Looking after your
health

Housing and
housing-related
costs

Keeping the Indian
Embassy informed-

Getting around –
transportation,
driving license

Managing your
finances

Remitting money
to India – options
available

Insurance –one
may need

Food – differences
and availability

Power plugs and
voltage – different
and need for
multi-plugs

Weather

Medication

Language

Management of
important papers

Rights of migrants



Why join a trade union?

Get support for grievance/ problem at work.

Learn more about your rights and can seek information and advice about work-related issues.

Be entitled to additional membership services of the union such as insurance and discounts, financial services and legal counselling.

Have more opportunities for trainings to improve your vocational and professional qualifications.

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Preparing for
departure from
India

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Arriving in Europe

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Returning to India