

SINGLE PERMIT DIRECTIVE

Background information:

Directive of 13 December 2011:

- **Official name:** [Directive 2011/98/EU](#) of the European Parliament and the Council of 13 December 2011 on a single application procedure for third-country nationals to reside and work in the territory of a Member State and on a common set of rights for third-country workers legally residing in a Member State.
- **Objective of the directive.** The directive creates a set of rights for non-EU workers legally residing in an EU State. The directive should be applicable to non-EU nationals with authorisation to reside or work in the EU, independently of their initial reason for admission. Its scope includes both non-EU nationals seeking to be admitted to an EU State in order to stay and work there and those who are already resident and have access to the labour market or are already working there. It provides for:
 - a single residence and work permit
 - a single application procedure for this permit
 - a set of rights for all non-EU workers already admitted but who have not yet been granted long-term resident status, in a number of key areas: working conditions, education and vocational training, recognition of diplomas, social security, tax benefits, access to goods and services including procedures for housing and employment advice services.
- **Transposition deadline:** 25 December 2013

More information:

- [Procedure file](#) of the Legislative Observatory (European Parliament)
- [Europapoort](#) (This is a website of the Dutch government and should be interpreted accordingly)