

STUDENTS DIRECTIVE

State of play. The Commission is expected to present at the beginning of 2013 a proposal to amend and merge the directive on students with the one on researchers with the aim to promote greater mobility of students and researchers.

Background information:

Directive of 13 December 2004

- **Official name:** Council [directive 2004/114/EC](#) on the conditions of admission of third-country nationals for the purposes of studies, pupil exchange, unremunerated training or voluntary service.
- **Objective of the directive.** From the broader objective to promote Europe as a whole as a world centre of excellence for studies and vocational training, the directive applies common rules of admission for non-EU nationals who request admission to an EU State for one of the following: studies leading to a higher education qualification (students); to follow a recognised programme of secondary education (pupils); to pursue a training period without remuneration (unremunerated trainees); or to take part in a national or EU volunteer programme. [Summary](#) of the directive.
- **Transposition deadline:** 12 January 2007
- **Evaluation:** [Evaluation report](#) of 28 September 2011 of the European Commission on the application of the directive.
 - The report concluded that foreign students still experience difficulties coming to the EU to study, due to an uneven implementation of the relevant EU legislation. The first report on how MS have implemented EU rules on the entry and residence of students, pupils, unremunerated trainees and volunteers from third countries suggests that the use of these forms of temporary migration could be further improved. In particular, the level of harmonisation achieved by the directive and the rights it grants could be increased and strengthened. [More information](#).

Improving directive 2004/114/EC: The Commission is expected to present an amended proposal of the directive in the beginning of 2013 (merged with an amended proposal on researchers)

More information:

- Background information on the website of the [European Commission](#).