



BJA Legal & Tax Committee News

The BJA Legal & Tax Committee is pleased to announce some recent positive developments around the immigration process for non-EU nationals coming to Belgium.

- The introduction of the **online immigration portal**, which ensures a quick and transparent way of managing immigration applications towards Belgium, decreasing the red tape that used to characterize the immigration process until now.
- The **decrease of the overall processing timeline** for single permit applications for non-EU nationals (although regional differences are still noticeable), as such improving the predictability of the process and largely benefitting the employee experience further to a move to Belgium.
- The upcoming **introduction of the ICT permit**, expected in November 2021, helping to establish Belgium as a gateway to Europe by virtue of the scope of this ICT permit, which allows employment in different EU countries based on one permit only.

These positive developments are for a part the result of the strong connection and impact BJA's Legal & Tax Committee has developed together with the Investment Committee over the past years with the different government stakeholders, moving the Federal & Regional governments to transform the Belgian immigration system into a transparent, modern and quick system that can handle the challenges of today's international mobility landscape. The Legal & Tax Committee will continue to monitor the developments on this topic.

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