



## **Global Employer Services** Global Immigration

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### **Global Immigration Study 2016**

Deloitte is pleased to announce the results of its 2016 Global Immigration Study. Deloitte's 2016 global immigration study shows that Belgium is one of the most attractive countries for highly skilled third country nationals, due to the speed, low cost and accessible conditions for obtaining a work permit. In view of the growing importance of the knowledge-based economy, it is essential for countries to attract highly skilled people.

Every two years, the study compares the migration formalities for third-country nationals in the European Union. Previous editions of Deloitte's immigration study showed that Belgium scored the best in Europe. Along with the Scandinavian countries, Belgium is among the leading group of nations pursuing an efficient and accessible policy.

For the first time, this edition of the survey also compares the European immigration regimes for highly skilled foreigners with those of several major economies around the globe.

Some key findings to emerge from the survey are as follows:

- Knowledge immigration is of essential and increasing importance to the European economy
- Belgium remains attractive to highly skilled immigrants due to speed, cost and favourable conditions, even when compared to large countries outside of the EU
- European policy has not been very successful because the measures taken bring little harmonising impact and tend to complicate local immigration rules

- Countries such as the US and Australia also struggle to maintain quick and flexible immigration regimes

More information on the Global Immigration Study 2016 can be found by [downloading the full report here](#).

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