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Introduction of a digital immigration platform for single permit applications

As from 1 June 2021, applications for Belgian single permits (other than applications for permits for up to 90 days or for an unlimited stay) should be submitted online via the digital immigration platform "[Working in Belgium.](#)" The federal online platform serves as an access point for the submission of applications for single permits in the different regions and monitors the status of individual applications.

Applications may continue to be submitted by email for a limited period of time yet to be confirmed.

Background

In 2020, the Belgian federal authorities decided to fast-track setting up an electronic immigration platform to allow online submission of applications for single (residence and work) permits for third-country nationals.

Deloitte was one of a limited number of interested parties asked to provide input on the process and to act as a key partner in testing the system over a period of a few months.

Benefits of the new platform

The new platform should increase transparency and streamline the immigration process for third-country nationals coming to work in Belgium. The digitisation of the application process also may give Belgium a competitive advantage over other EU countries when seeking to attract highly skilled foreign professionals.

In addition to facilitating the online submission of single permit applications, all communication on applications is conducted through the platform.

Next steps

A number of administrative steps must be taken to onboard onto the digital platform, with which Deloitte is available to assist.

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