

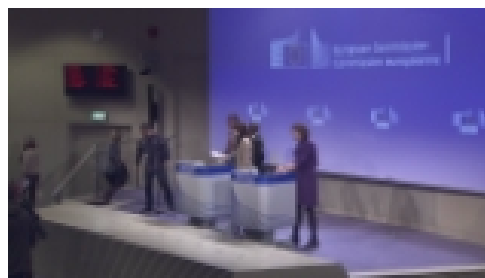


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Extracts from the press conference with the participation of Cecilia Malmström on the way to make the EU an accessible and attractive destination for foreign students and researchers

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On 25 March 2013, Cecilia Malmström, Member of the EC in charge of Home Affairs, gave a press conference on the way to make the EU an accessible and attractive destination for foreign students and researchers, at the European Commission, in Brussels. Every year, hundreds of thousands of foreign students and researchers are coming to Europe. This global mobility contributes to economic competitiveness and fosters the generation and acquisition of knowledge, skills and ideas. However, foreign students and researchers are often faced with complex and unclear admission rules and procedures. To make Europe a more attractive destination for research and innovation, the European Commission will propose to improve the current rules and conditions for third country national students, researchers and other groups, such as school pupils, trainees, volunteers and au pairs, to enter and stay in the EU.



HEURE	DESCRIPTION	DUREE
00:00:00	Title	00:00:05
00:00:05	Exterior view of the European Commission in Brussels	00:00:06
00:00:11	Arrival of Cecilia Malmström, Member of the EC in charge of Home Affairs, Fatma Abidi, Masters student from Tunisia, and Bellarminus Kakpovi, PhD student from Benin, to the press conference.	00:00:09
00:00:21	Soundbite by Bellarminus Kakpovi (FRENCH) saying that through them, he would like to represent not only two people standing here on the podium but thousands of students and researchers from the South who would like to come to the European Union to improve their know-how and knowledge and who, at times, do suffer a lot of difficulties in their country of origin with the embassies and representations of EU countries.	00:00:24
00:00:45	Cutaway of the audience	00:00:04

00:00:50	Soundbite by Fatma Abidi (in FRENCH) saying that having completed her project, would she have the possibility then of continuing to work in Europe? She would have to sign a declaration of honour before leaving her country that after completing her studies, she will return to her country of origin. Or would she have the opportunity during these 4 years of completing her thesis, she and them, students and researchers, to create themselves a familial and emotional environment?	00:00:35
00:01:24	Cutaway of the audience	00:00:04
00:01:28	Soundbite by Cecilia Malmström (in ENGLISH): We need to attract the workforce we need; countries like Brazil, China and India are destinations where many highly educated people like engineers, doctors, and nurses look for tomorrow's opportunities and research possibilities. We also know that the US, Australia and Japan, for example, have better incentives to attract talents and to convince talents to join their job market in turn benefitting from their knowledge's and skills. So it is in our interest to make sure that we have an excellence to increase our appeal for students and researchers.	00:00:34
00:02:02	Cutaway of the audience	00:00:04
00:02:07	Soundbite by Cecilia Malmström (in ENGLISH): The proposal will improve the conditions of admission in order to make sure to avoid situations where people fulfil the conditions for a permit but not the conditions for a visa and, therefore, cannot enter. There will be a 60-day time limit introduced for Member States' authorities to decide on an application. Increased EU intra mobility will be ensured. There will be simpler and more flexible rules for researchers, students and remunerated trainees to move within the EU.	00:00:28
00:02:35	General view of the speakers	00:00:04
00:02:39	Soundbite by Cecilia Malmström (in ENGLISH): For researchers, this will also mean giving certain mobility rights to their family members. This will allow for an easier transfer of skills and knowledge and will render the EU more attractive as a destination for talent from abroad. We will also improve access to the labour market. During their studies, students and researchers will be allowed to work at least 20 hours per week so that they can support themselves and contribute economically. Researchers and students will also have the possibility to remain under certain conditions for a period of 12 months on the territory after finalisation of their studies and research to identify job opportunities or set up a business.	00:00:38

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Cecilia Malmström leaving the press room

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