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Extracts from the press conference by Viviane Reding on a proposal for a Regulation on simplifying administrative formalities of certain public documents in the EU

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On 24 April 2013, Viviane Reding, Vice-President of the EC in charge of Justice, Fundamental Rights and Citizenship, held a press conference on a proposal by the EC aiming to slash costs and lengthy procedures caused by bureaucratic formalities that today require citizens and businesses to prove that their public documents (such as birth or legal status certificate) as issued by their country of origin are authentic. At the same time, the Regulation would provide necessary safeguards preventing the use of forged public documents within the EU.

HEURE	DESCRIPTION	DUREE
00:00:00	Title	00:00:05
00:00:05	Exterior view of the EC Berlaymont building	00:00:05
00:00:10	Arrival of Viviane Reding, Vice-President of the EC in charge of Justice, Fundamental Rights and Citizenship	00:00:06
00:00:17	SOUNDBITE by Viviane Reding (in ENGLISH) saying that there is yet another piece of the puzzle - getting rid of further unnecessary red tape, pure bureaucracy that originates in the Member States; and when she speaks about red tape, she really means it; it looks like a real bureaucratic piece of red tape in the Member states, an Apostille document with a physical stamp.	00:00:36
00:00:53	Cutaway of the audience	00:00:04
00:00:57	SOUNDBITE by Viviane Reding (in ENGLISH) saying that today, when people move to another EU country and they want to register a birth, get married, register a house, or apply for a residence card, or when companies want to prove their legal status, they have to jump through a bureaucratic hoop to do so; national authorities will ask for certified copies, certified translations and rubber stamps, like this Apostille stamp; all that hassle just to show that your birth certificate really is your birth certificate.	00:00:41
00:01:38	Cutaway	00:00:04

00:01:42	SOUNDBITE by Viviane Reding (in ENGLISH) saying that the college just adopted a Regulation to abolish needless requirements for accepting people's public documents as "real" in another Member State; people will no longer need to get hold of an Apostille stamp within the European Union; they will no longer have to get 'legalised' versions of their documents; they will no longer need to present a certified copy together with the original public document and they will no longer need certified translations.	00:00:37
00:02:19	Cutaway of photographers	00:00:04
00:02:23	SOUNDBITE by Viviane Reding (in ENGLISH) saying that this is done for 12 categories of public documents – focusing on the most important ones like birth or parenthood certificates; of course there will still be safeguards in place against possible fraudulent use of documents to avoid any abuse of the system; cooperation between the Member States will be stepped up; in case there is any doubt about the authenticity of a document, it can easily be checked with the authorities in the Member State who issued it (through the Internal Market Information System).	00:00:39
00:03:02	Cutaway of Viviane Reding	00:00:05
00:03:06	SOUNDBITE by Viviane Reding (in ENGLISH) saying that this will bring savings of up to 330 million euro – and that is not counting the delays and inconvenience which will be avoided; in sum, what the EC is doing is very simple: cutting red tape in the Member States, to make life easier for citizens and businesses and to allow them to take full advantage of all the opportunities the EU's Single Market has to offer them.	00:00:30
00:03:37	Viviane Reding leaving the press room	00:00:06

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