



Right to Move: Seven Strategies to Improve the EU's Free Movement Rules

★ **Strategy 1: Directive 2004/38 should be recast into a Regulation**

This would reduce divergence in administrative formalities in the EU and further facilitate the exercise of the right of free movement by EU citizens and their family members.

★ **Strategy 2: The Commission's powers of investigation should be strengthened**

The Commission needs to have a full range of measures at its disposal to investigate and enforce the free movement rules more efficiently and fulfil its mission as Guardian of the EU Treaties.

★ **Strategy 3: Member states should collate better statistics on the free movement of persons**

The collection of data on the free movement of EU citizens and their family members would encourage better evidence-based policy-making by the Member States as well as the EU.

★ **Strategy 4: Member states should deepen their collaboration on the free movement of persons**

Member States can only develop appropriate and effective responses to challenges generated by the free movement of persons through cooperation guided by independent expertise.

★ **Strategy 5: Civil society organisations should be empowered to help citizens overcome obstacles**

Empowering civil society groups to inform and assist mobile citizens will ensure that these citizens can make effective use of those rights and overcome obstacles that may come their way.

★ **Strategy 6: Judgments of the EU Court of Justice prior to 2004 should be translated into all languages**

Citizens and their advisers need to be able to rely on the relevant judgments of the EU Court of Justice in all EU official languages irrespective of when the judgment may have been issued.

★ **Strategy 7: A pro free movement counterfactual should be developed to refute anti-migrant rhetoric**

Politicians who believe in the benefits of European integration must learn to present the benefits of free movement using similar tactics and terminology deployed by populist politicians.

