

ANNEX 18

**REFERENCE AMOUNTS REQUIRED FOR THE CROSSING OF THE EXTERNAL
BORDER FIXED BY NATIONAL AUTHORITIES**

BELGIUM

It is stipulated in Belgian law that the availability of adequate means of subsistence should be demonstrated.

The administrative practice is as follows:

a) Aliens staying with a private individual

Proof of means of subsistence may be furnished by means of a letter of guarantee signed by the person accommodating the alien in Belgium and authenticated by the municipal administration of his place of residence.

The declaration of liability covers the costs of the alien's stay, health care, accommodation and repatriation in the event that the alien is unable to pay, so as to ensure that the public authorities do not have to bear them. The declaration must be signed by a person who is solvent and, if this person is an alien, is in possession of a residence permit or establishment permit.

If necessary, the alien may also be required to furnish proof of personal resources.

If he is without any financial credit at all, he must have access to approximately EUR 45 for each day of the planned stay.

b) Aliens staying at a hotel

If the alien is unable to furnish proof of any credit at all, he must have access to approximately EUR 95 for each day of the planned stay.

In most cases, the person concerned must in addition produce a travel ticket (airline ticket) enabling him to return to his country of origin or residence.

BULGARIA

According to Article 17 of the Ordinance on the Terms and Conditions for Issuing Visas and Determining the Visa Regime, adopted by Decree No 198 of 11.07.2011, last amendment of 13.05.2022, any foreigner applying for a short-stay visa should provide evidence that he or she has means of subsistence sufficient to cover his or her expenses during the stay. These funds shall be at least EUR 50 per day for each day of the stay requested with the visa application or their equivalent in BGN or in another freely convertible currency, but not less than EUR 500 or their equivalent in BGN or in another freely convertible currency, or a document for prepaid tourist services.

It is also required to have the necessary financial resources to provide accommodation not less than EUR 50 for each day of the stay requested with the visa application or their equivalent in BGN or in another freely convertible currency, or a document for prepaid nights in a hotel or tourist shelter, or an invitation-declaration by a Bulgarian natural or legal person, by which it undertakes to cover all costs incurred for the period of residence of the foreigner on the territory of the Republic of Bulgaria.

Evidence of possession of the necessary financial means to leave the country or a ticket should also be presented, and upon entry with a vehicle driven by the person – means of at least EUR 100 or their equivalent in BGN or in another freely convertible currency.

According to Article 16 of the Ordinance on the Terms and Conditions for Issuing Visas and Determining the Visa Regime, adopted by Decree No 198 of 11.07.2011, last amendment from 13.05.2022, each foreigner, when submitting an application for issuance of a short-stay visa for the purpose of transit, shall provide evidence certifying the possession of the necessary financial means of subsistence for each transit in the amount of at least EUR 50 or their equivalent in BGN or in another freely convertible currency, and in case of transit by land with a vehicle driven by the person – additional funds in amount of at least EUR 200 or their equivalent in BGN or in another freely convertible currency.

CROATIA

According to the Article 9 of the Regulation on the Visa Regime (Official Gazette of the Republic of Croatia No. 92/2021) a third-country national is obliged to provide proof of sufficient financial means to cover his/her subsistence during the short stay in the Republic of Croatia and his/her return to the country of origin or transit to a third country.

When a third-country national enters the Republic of Croatia, the authorities responsible for state border control are authorized to request him/her proof of sufficient financial means to cover his/her subsistence during the stay in the Republic of Croatia and his/her return to the country of origin or transit to a third country.

The amount of financial means is fixed at the equivalent of 70 € (seventy Euros) per day of the intended stay in the Republic of Croatia.

If a third-country national is in possession of a certified letter of guarantee by a natural or a legal person from the Republic of Croatia, proof of a tourist booking or a similar document, he/she is required to provide proof of having at disposal the amount equivalent to 30 € (thirty Euros) per day of the intended stay in the Republic of Croatia.

By way of exception, if a third-country national is in possession of a certified letter of guarantee by a natural or a legal person from the Republic of Croatia from which it is evident that the guarantor fully assumes all costs related to his/her stay in and departure from the Republic of Croatia, the third-country national is exempted from the obligation to provide proof of means referred to in paragraph 1 of Article 9 of the Regulation on the Visa Regime.

CZECH REPUBLIC

Reference amounts are provided in Section 13 of Act No 326/1999 Coll., on residence of foreigners in the territory of the Czech Republic, as amended, in connection with Section 5 of Act No 110/2006 Coll., on living and subsistence minimum, as amended. They depend on the current level of the subsistence minimum and vary according to the duration of the intended short-term stay in the territory of the Czech Republic:

- For stays not exceeding 30 days – 1.565 CZK per day (i.e., 0,5 times the subsistence minimum – as of 1 January 2023 – 3.130 CZK for each day of stay),
- For stays exceeding 30 days – 46.950 CZK (i.e., 15 times the subsistence minimum – as of 1 January 2023 – 3.130 CZK); this sum shall be subject to increase of double the subsistence minimum for each whole month of the intended stay in the territory, i.e., plus 6.260 CZK per each month;
- The third-country national under 18 years shall prove half the amounts mentioned above.

The assessment of sufficient means of subsistence may be based on the cash, credit cards or traveller's cheques in the third-country national's possession, or on a document confirming the payment of services connected with the stay in the territory or on a document confirming that services will be provided free of charge. Declarations of sponsorship and letters of guarantee from hosts (in the form "Letter of Invitation" certified by the Police of the Czech Republic – see Annex 33 to the Schengen handbook) may also constitute evidence of sufficient means of subsistence.

The third country national who is going to study in the territory may submit, as a proof of availability of sufficient funds for his stay, a commitment made by a state authority or a legal entity to cover his/her stay by providing funds equivalent to the subsistence minimum (as of 1 January 2023 – 3.130 CZK) for 1 month of the intended stay, or a document confirming that all costs related to his studies and stay shall be covered by the receiving organisation (school). If the sum referred to in the commitment does not reach this amount, the third country national shall be obliged to submit a document proving the possession of funds equivalent to the difference between the subsistence minimum (as of 1 January 2023 – 3.130 CZK) and the amount of the commitment for the period of his/her intended stay, however, not more than 6 times the subsistence minimum (as of 1 January 2023 – 18.780 CZK). Document on the provision of means for one's residence may be replaced by a decision or an agreement on the allocation of a grant acquired pursuant to an international treaty by which the Czech Republic is bound.

DENMARK

Under the Danish Aliens Law, an alien entering Danish territory must have means adequate for his subsistence and for the return journey.

In each case it is for the border control services at the point of entry to determine whether this is the case by conducting a specific appraisal of the economic situation of the alien, taking account of information on his or her possibilities with regard to accommodation and the return journey.

For the purpose of determining whether an alien has adequate means, the administration has set a figure for adequate means of subsistence of, in principle, of DKK 350 per 24 hours. This is the sum which the alien must have at his disposal

In addition, the alien must be able to prove that he or she has adequate means for the return journey, for example in the form of a return ticket.

GERMANY

Pursuant to Article 15(2) of the Residence Act of 30 July 2004, an alien may be refused entry at the border if he does not fulfil the conditions for entry into the territory of the Member States in accordance with Article 5 of the Schengen Convention. This is the case if an alien does not have the necessary financial means, or cannot lawfully acquire the necessary means, to pay for his stay, including the return journey to his country of origin or a third country, for which he holds a residence permit entitling him to return to that country.

Mandatory reference amounts per day have not been set. Instead, border control officials need to examine each situation individually. Account should be taken of the alien's personal circumstances, such as the nature and purpose of the journey, length of the stay, whether he is staying with relatives or friends, and subsistence costs.

If the third-country national is unable to produce evidence of such circumstances or at least make credible statements, he should have € 45 per day at his disposal. It is also necessary to ensure that the third-country national's return or onward journey is possible. Proof may, for example, take the form of an onward or return travel ticket.

Proof of financial means may take the form of cash, credit cards and checks but may also include:

- a legal guarantee from a credit institution authorised to operate in the Federal Republic of Germany,
- a letter of guarantee from the host,
- a telegraphic money order,
- a guarantee deposited by the host or a third party with the immigration authorities responsible for the stay,
- sponsorship declaration

If there is reason to doubt the alien's non-cash liquidity, the case should be examined prior to entry.

ESTONIA

Under Estonian law, aliens arriving into Estonia, shall upon request by a border guard official upon entry into the country provide proof of sufficient monetary means to cover the costs of his/her stay in and departure from Estonia. Sufficient monetary means for each allowed day is EUR 70.

G R E E C E

Common Ministerial Decision No 3021/22/10-f of 24 December 2007 fixes the amount for the means of subsistence which foreign nationals - with the exception of nationals of the Member States of the European Union - must have at their disposal if they wish to enter Greek territory.

Pursuant to the abovementioned Decision, the amount of foreign currency which foreign nationals of States which are not members of the European Union must have at their disposal in order to enter Greece is fixed at EUR 50 per person per day, and a minimum total amount of EUR 300 for a stay of up to 5 days.

Where the foreign national is a minor the above amounts are reduced by 50 %.

Nationals of countries which oblige Greek nationals to change currency at the borders are also subject to this obligation in accordance with the principle of reciprocity.

SPAIN

The Order of the Ministry of the Prime Minister's Office (PRE/1282/2007) of 10 May 2007 on the financial means that foreign nationals must prove are available to them in order to enter Spain specifies the amount that foreign nationals must prove they have in order to be able to enter Spain.

a) For the costs of their stay in Spain, the amount they have available to them must represent, in euro, 10% of the gross national minimum wage (EUR 113.40) or its legal equivalent in foreign currency multiplied by the number of days they intend to stay in Spain and by the number of dependent persons travelling with them. The minimum amount at their disposal must represent 90% of the gross national minimum wage (EUR 1 020.60) or its legal equivalent in foreign currency per person, regardless of the intended duration of the stay.

b) For the return to their country of provenance or for transit via third countries, foreign nationals must be able to produce a personal, non-transferable and fixed-date ticket or tickets for the planned means of transport.

Foreign nationals must prove that they have the above means of subsistence either by producing them if they are in cash, or by producing certified cheques, traveller's cheques, receipts or credit cards, which must be accompanied by a recent bank statement or an up-to-date bank book (bank letters or internet bank statements are not acceptable) or by other evidence clearly showing the amount of credit available on the card or bank account.

FRANCE

The reference amount for adequate means of subsistence for the planned duration of an alien's stay or for his transit via France to a destination in a third country is equal to the amount of the guaranteed minimum wage in France (SMIC) calculated daily on the basis of the rate fixed on 1 January of the current year.

This amount is regularly reassessed on the basis of the French cost of living index:

- automatically whenever the retail price index rises by more than 2 %,
- by a government decision - after consultation with the national commission for collective bargaining - to grant a rise higher than the rise in the retail price index.

As of 1 January 2012, the daily amount of the SMIC (minimum wage) is EUR 65.00.

Persons holding proof of accommodation (attestation d'accueil) must possess a minimum amount of money, equivalent to half the SMIC, in order to stay in France. This amount is therefore EUR 32.50 per day.

From 19 June 2014, where no hotel reservation is presented as proof of accommodation, the minimum amount of money per day required to stay in France is € 120. Where there is a hotel reservation for part of the stay, the amount required is € 65.00 for the period covered by the reservation and € 120.00 for the rest of the stay.

The third-country national must be in possession of an insurance certificate covering all medical, hospital and death-related expenses that may be incurred during the entirety of the stay in France, including the cost of repatriation for medical reasons. This certificate must at least be translated into English.

ITALY

Article 4(3) of the "Consolidated text of provisions governing immigration and the status of aliens" No 286 of 28 July 1998 states that Italy, in accordance with the obligations entered into by adherence to specific international agreements, shall allow entry into its territory to aliens who can prove that they possess suitable documentation to confirm the purpose and conditions of their residence and that they have sufficient means of subsistence for the duration of their stay and, except in the case of residence permits for work purposes, for their return to the country of origin. Means of subsistence are defined in the relevant directive issued by the Minister for the Interior. Aliens who do not satisfy these requirements or who are considered a threat to national security or public order of the State or of one of the countries with which Italy has signed agreements for the abolition of internal border controls and the free movement of persons may not enter Italy, subject to the limits and derogations laid down in those agreements.

The directive in question, which was issued on 1 March 2000 and has the title "Definition of means of support for entry and residence of aliens in the national territory", lays down that:

- the availability of means of support may be demonstrated by producing currency or equivalent bills of exchange or bank guarantees or insurance policies guaranteeing payment, by means of documents attesting to prepaid services or documents proving the availability of sources of income in the national territory;
- the monetary amounts laid down in the directive are to be reviewed annually, after application of the parameters relating to average annual variation produced by ISTAT and calculated on the basis of the general consumer price index for foodstuffs, drinks, transport and accommodation services;
- the alien must indicate that he has suitable accommodation in Italian territory and that he possesses the sum needed for repatriation; he may also present a return ticket;
- the minimum means of support needed per person for the issue of a visa and for entry to Italian territory for the purpose of tourism are defined in accordance with Table A below.

TABLE A

TABLE FOR DETERMINING THE MEANS OF SUPPORT
REQUIRED FOR ENTRY TO ITALIAN TERRITORY
FOR THE PURPOSE OF TOURISM

Duration of trip	Number of participants in trip	
	One participant	Two or more participants
	euro	euro
1 to 5 days overall fixed sum	269,60	212,81
6 to 10 days daily sum per person	44,93	26,33
11 to 20 days fixed sum	51,64	25,82
+ daily sum per person	36,67	22,21
more than 20 days fixed sum	206,58	118,79
+ daily sum per person	27,89	17,04

CYPRUS

According to the Aliens and Immigration Regulations (Regulation (9(2)(B)) the entry of aliens for temporary stay in the Republic depends on the discretionary power of the immigration officers at the borders, which is exercised according to the general or specific instructions of the Minister of Interior or to the provisions of the abovementioned Regulations. The immigration officers at the borders decide on the entry on a case by case basis, taking into consideration the purpose and length of stay, possible hotel reservations or hospitality by persons normally residing in Cyprus.

L A T V I A

According to the Immigration Law, in order to be able to enter and stay in the Republic of Latvia a foreigner must prove that he or she has the necessary means of subsistence.

The amount required is no less than EUR 14 per day of stay.

Where it is indicated in the electronic data base of invitations, or on the form '*Ielūgums vīzas pieprasīšanai*/Invitation for requesting a visa' laid down by the Office of Citizenship and Migration Affairs, that the host will cover the expenses related to the foreigner's entry and stay in Latvia, the foreigner does not have to submit the documents proving the availability of the necessary means of subsistence.

If necessary the foreigner must show that he or she possesses financial resources sufficient to pay for the planned accommodation and/or, if travelling with a private vehicle, financial resources sufficient to buy the fuel needed for the journey.

LITHUANIA

Under the Law on the Legal Status of Aliens, an alien entering the territory of the Republic of Lithuania if necessary must prove that he has adequate means of subsistence or the sources of those means for the stay in the Republic of Lithuania, a return trip to his country or for proceeding to another country which he has the right to enter.

For the purpose of determining whether the alien has adequate means of subsistence, the Ministry of Social Security and Labour has set the appropriate amounts of financial means per 24 hours which the alien must have at his disposal: , i.e. 550 LTL for an alien applying to obtain a residence permit in the Republic of Lithuania and 275 LTL for the members of his family under the age of 18.

Order No. 1V-280/V-109 of the Minister of the Interior and the Minister of Foreign Affairs issued on 2 September 2004 establishes the amount of means for subsistence that an alien entering Lithuania must have at his disposal, which corresponds to 40 € per day.

LUXEMBOURG

Third-country nationals wishing to travel to Luxembourg must provide evidence that they have sufficient means of subsistence to cover their needs. The reference amount required to travel to Luxembourg is that of the minimum wage for an unskilled worker calculated in proportion to the number of days of the planned stay.

As of 1 January 2018 the minimum wage per day is approximately €67.

As proof of sufficient personal resources both for the planned length of stay and for return to the country of origin or transit to another country, third-country nationals must have approximately €67 per day of the planned stay. Proof of the required resources can be provided in the form of cash, traveller's cheques or credit cards and a document attesting the possibility of legally acquiring the necessary resources.

A statement of financial liability may also constitute proof that the applicant has sufficient means of subsistence, provided it is endorsed by the competent service, namely the Luxembourg Office for Passports, Visas and Legalisation. The statement of financial liability must cover subsistence expenses, including healthcare, and the cost of the third-country national's return for a specified length of time.

In addition, third-country nationals must present a transport ticket for return to their country of origin or for transit to a country in which their admission is guaranteed.

HUNGARY

According to Article 25 of Decree of the Minister of Justice and Law Enforcement No. 25 of 2007 implementing Act I of 2007 on the Admission and Residence of Persons with the Right of Free Movement and Residence and Act II of 2007 on the Admission and Right of Residence of Third-Country Nationals, the reference amount for the means of subsistence is 10.000 HUF per each entry for the third country nationals and for the family members of EEA citizens or Hungarian citizens who are third country nationals and subject to visa requirement.

Under Article 5 of the Aliens Act (Act XXXIX of 2001 on the Entry and Stay of Foreigners), the means of subsistence required for entry and stay may be certified by the presentation of:

- Hungarian currency or foreign currency or non-cash means of payment (e.g. cheque, credit card etc.),
- a valid letter of invitation issued by a Hungarian national, an alien holding a residence permit or settlement permit or a legal entity if the person inviting the alien declares to cover the costs of the accommodation, lodging, health care and return (repatriation). The official consent of the aliens policing authority shall be attached to the letter of invitation,
- confirmation of board and lodging reserved and paid in advance by means of a travel agency (voucher),
- any other credible proof.

MALTA

It is the practice to ensure that persons entering Malta have a minimum amount of EUR 48 per day for the duration of their visit.

THE NETHERLANDS

The amount which border control officials take as the basis when checking means of subsistence is currently EUR 55 per person per day.

This criterion is applied flexibly, since the required amount of the means of subsistence is determined on the basis of the planned duration of the stay, the reason for the visit and the personal circumstances of the person concerned.

A U S T R I A

Pursuant to Article 41 (2) of the Aliens Act, aliens shall be refused entry at the border if they have no place of residence in Austria and do not have sufficient means of subsistence to meet the costs of their stay and return.

However, there are no reference amounts for the above. Decisions are made on a case-by-case basis depending on the purpose, type and duration of the stay. Cash and – depending on individual circumstances – traveller's cheques, credit cards, bank guarantees or letters of guarantee from solvent persons living in Austria may also be accepted as a proof.

POLAND

The amounts required to cross the external border are laid down in the Regulation of the Minister of the Interior of 23 February 2015 on the means of subsistence required from a foreigner entering the territory of the Republic of Poland and documents that can confirm the possibility of obtaining such means, as well as the purpose and duration of the planned stay (Journal of Laws of 2017, item 2122).

The above regulation stipulates that a foreigner entering the territory of the Republic of Poland must possess means of subsistence amounting to at least:

- 1) PLN 300, if the duration of their planned stay does not exceed 4 days,
 - 2) PLN 75 for each day of the planned stay, if the duration of their planned stay exceeds 4 days
- or the equivalent of this amount in foreign currency.

A foreigner entering the territory of the Republic of Poland who:

- 1) is a participant in a tourist event, a youth camp or sports event,
- 2) has had the cost of the stay in the Republic of Poland paid,
- 3) comes to a treatment and sanatorium facility,
- 4) is a participant in the program enabling to perform holiday work on the territory of the Republic of Poland, which is not the main purpose of their stay, governed by an international agreement to which the Republic of Poland is a party

- must possess an amount of at least PLN 20 for each day of the planned stay, no less than PLN 100, or the equivalent of this amount in foreign currency.

A foreigner entering the territory of the Republic of Poland in order to take up or continue their studies, participate in scientific research or training, carry out development works as well as to take or continue education must possess an amount of at least PLN 1.270 for the first two months of their planned stay or the equivalent of this amount in foreign currency.

Moreover, the foreigner must possess additional financial resources to cover the costs of their return journey to the country of origin or residence as well as costs of their transit to a third country which will grant them entry, the minimum amount of which is (separately per foreigner and each member of their family):

- 1) PLN 200, if they came from a country neighbouring the Republic of Poland,
 - 2) PLN 500, if they came from a Member State of the European Union other than neighbouring the Republic of Poland,
 - 3) PLN 2.500, if they came from a country that is not a Member State of the European Union
- or the equivalent of this amount in foreign currency.

PORTUGAL

Aliens must be in possession of the following amounts if they wish to enter or stay in Portugal:

- EUR 75 – for each entry
- EUR 40 – for each day spent on the territory

Aliens who are able to prove that their board and lodging are guaranteed for the duration of their stay may be exempted from paying the above amounts.

ROMANIA

Aliens Act no 194/2002 provides for as a condition to be allowed entry into Romania to prove the existence of necessary means of existence during stay and for the return to the country of origin or for transit towards another state in which the entry is certain.

As far as the reference amounts required for the crossing of external borders are concerned, obtaining a short stay national visa for tourism, visit, business, cultural or scientific activities, for humanitarian or medical purposes is possible by showing proof of being in possession of **€ 50 per day**, but no less than **€ 500** for the entire period, or equivalent.

Obtaining a short stay national visa for mission, professional transport or sport-related activities is possible without showing proof of means of subsistence.

For third country nationals required to be in possession of a visa when crossing the external borders of the EU, listed in Annex 1 to Regulation 539/2001, for whom the invitation procedure applies*, the amount of means of subsistence is **€ 30 per day** for the entire period of stay, to be rendered available by the inviting natural or legal person.

** The countries and entities/territorial authorities that are not recognized as states by at least one member state, for which the invitation procedure apply are listed in Order of the minister of foreign affairs no. 1743/2010: Afghanistan, Algeria, Bangladesh, China, Chad, Congo, North Korea, Egypt, India, Indonesia, Jordan, Iran, Irak, Lebanon, Libya, Mali, Morocco, Mauritania, Nigeria, Pakistan, Syria, Somalia, Sri Lanka, Sudan, Tunisia, Uzbekistan, Yemen, Palestinian Authority.*

SLOVENIA

In accordance with Article 2 of the Rules implementing the Regulation (EC) establishing a Community Code on the rules governing the movement of persons across borders (Schengen Borders Code) (*Uradni List RS* (UL RS; Official Gazette of the Republic of Slovenia) No 29/07), there is a required means of subsistence defined for third country nationals entering Slovenia for the duration of their stay in Slovenia, until they return to their native country or travel on to a third country.

As adequate proof of existence of the required means of subsistence, a third country national has to present the prescribed amount of money in cash, or traveller's cheques, internationally recognised debit or credit cards, letters of credit, or any other verified proof of existence of such means in Slovenia.

If the third country national does not have a secured means of subsistence (such as a declaration of sponsorship, letter of guarantee, or paid accommodation as part of a tourist arrangement), the daily subsistence amount shall be used to determine the required means of subsistence.

The daily subsistence amount in Slovenia for individuals is EUR 70.

The prescribed amount for minors accompanied by their parents or legal representatives is 50% of the amount set out in the previous paragraph.

SLOVAKIA

Section 1(1) of Implementing Decree No 499/2011 of the Slovak Ministry of the Interior on establishing the amount of financial resources required to cover the costs associated with a third-country national's stay in the Slovak Republic sets the amount at EUR 56 per person per day.

The amount of EUR 56 comprises:

EUR 30 for accommodation;
EUR 4 for breakfast;
EUR 7.50 for lunch;
EUR 7.50 for dinner;
EUR 7 for spending money.

If the costs of a third-country national's stay in the Slovak Republic are partially covered, this circumstance will be taken into account at the border control.

The sum of EUR 56 per person per day may be replaced by a certified invitation as laid down in Section 19 of Act No 404/2011 on the residence of foreign nationals and amending other acts, as amended, or by a hosting agreement under Section 26b of Act No 172/2005 on the organisation of state aid for research and development, as amended.

FINLAND

According to the Aliens' Act (301/2004, paragraph 11) an alien shall prove, upon entry, that he/she possesses sufficient means of subsistence, considering both the length of the intended stay and return to the country of departure, or transit to a third country to which his/her admittance is guaranteed, or that such funds can legally be acquired. Funds are considered as sufficient on a case-by-case basis. In addition to the funds, or tickets, required for the departure and accommodation during the stay, approximately EUR 50 per day is considered necessary, depending on the arrangements for accommodation and a possible sponsor.

SWEDEN

As of 15.11.2011, the reference amount for crossing the border is set by Swedish legislation at an amount of 450 SEK per day.

ICELAND

Under Icelandic law, aliens must prove that they have enough money to meet their needs in Iceland and to make the return journey. In practice, the reference amount is set at ISK 8000 per person per day. If the expenses connected with the stay are borne by a third party, the amount is halved. The total minimum amount is ISK 40000 for each entry.

NORWAY

According to Section 17 (f) in the Norwegian Immigration Act, any foreign national who cannot show evidence of having or being ensured sufficient means for his or her stay in the realm or in another Schengen country and for the return journey, may be rejected entry at the border.

The amounts deemed necessary are fixed individually and decisions are taken on a case-by-case basis. Account is taken of the length of stay, whether the foreign national will be staying with family or friends, whether he or she has a ticket for the return journey and whether a guarantee has been given for the stay (as an indication, an amount of NOK 500 per day is deemed to be adequate for visitors who are not staying with relations or friends).

SWITZERLAND

The Swiss Aliens Act of 16 December 2005 (RS 142.20) stipulates that foreign nationals must possess the necessary financial resources to cover the costs of residence but does not specify details. The administrative practice is as follows:

- Foreign nationals bearing their own costs of their stay in Switzerland must prove that they possess approx. CHF 100.-- per day. Students who can prove their identity by means of a valid student card must possess approx. CHF 30.-- per day.
- Foreign nationals staying with a private individual must provide proof of their means of subsistence by means of a declaration of liability signed by their host in Switzerland. The competent authority will give advance notice of the host's solvency. The declaration of liability encompasses uncovered costs borne by the public purse or private providers of medical services during the foreign national's stay, i.e. subsistence costs, accident and sickness costs, and the cost of return, and constitutes acknowledgement of an irrecoverable debt set at CHF 30 000.--. Guarantees may be provided by adults who are nationals of Switzerland or the Principality of Liechtenstein and reside in either of those two States, adult holders of a residence permit (category B only) or valid Swiss establishment permit, and legal persons registered in the commercial register.

LIECHTENSTEIN

The national practices concerning reference amounts required for the crossing of the external border fixed by national authorities are:

A third country national who bears the costs for his/her stay in Liechtenstein personally has to prove that he/she disposes of around CHF 100.- a day. A student (owning a valid student ID) has to dispose of around CHF 30.- a day.

A third country national who lives at a private residence may prove the necessary means with a formal undertaking (“Verpflichtungserklärung”) that is signed by the host in Liechtenstein. The responsible authority (Migration and Passport Office) gives a statement about the financial solvency of the host. The formal undertaking contains the not covered costs at the expense of the community or private health care providers during the stay of the third country national; i.e. the costs for living, accident, illness or return costs, in the sense of the acceptance of an irrevocable liability of CHF 30'000.-. Guarantor may be:

- every Swiss or Liechtenstein citizen of full age, who resides in one of these two countries,
- as well as a person of full age in possession of a residence permit (“Aufenthaltsbewilligung”)
- or a valid permanent residency (“Niederlassungsbewilligung”)
- or a legal entity that is registered in the commercial register.