

Swiss Referendum: freedom of movement not negotiable

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Commenting on the result of the Swiss referendum on the restriction of free movement, EPP Group Chairman Joseph Daul MEP and Vice-Chairman Manfred Weber MEP said:

"The free movement of citizens is a core principle of the EU. Switzerland has a binding bilateral agreement with the EU to accept and guarantee free movement for all EU citizens. The EU also guarantees free movement for Swiss citizens. We regret that the Swiss government will have to change the country's position on this crucial part of its relations with the EU. There is no room for negotiations, however, and the rules cannot be changed unilaterally."