

# EU tightens travel rules for Russians

European Union countries have agreed to make it more expensive and complex for Russians to enter the 27-member bloc, but stopped short of imposing an outright visa ban over Moscow's invasion of Ukraine

## Blanket ban

Demanded by Ukraine and EU countries sharing land borders with Russia – Estonia, Finland, Latvia, Lithuania and Poland



## Opposed

Western countries such as France and Germany say visa ban would punish ordinary Russians



Norway

8,052

Estonia

281,957

Latvia

54,618

Lithuania

275,150

Poland

49,123

Finland

329,185

RUSSIA

UKRAINE

Crimea



**EU:** Looking at ways to tackle 12 million Russian visas already issued to travel in 26-country Schengen area

- EU/Schengen area
- Schengen only
- EU only

**Number of legal entries of Russian nationals in EU\***

Almost one million Russians entered via land borders since start of Ukraine invasion