

SUMMARY

## **ECJ 3 October 2019, case C-302/18 (X), Work and residence permit**

### ***X – v – Belgische Staat, Belgian case***

#### **Question**

Must Article 5(1)(a) of Directive 2003/109 be interpreted as meaning that the concept of ‘resources’, which is referred to in that provision, concerns only the ‘own resources’ of the applicant for long-term resident status or whether this concept also covers the resources made available to that applicant by a third party and, if so, is a commitment of cost bearing entered into by that third party sufficient to provide proof that the applicant has stable, regular and sufficient resources within the meaning of that provision?

#### **Ruling**

Article 5(1)(a) of Council Directive 2003/109/EC of 25 November 2003 concerning the status of third-country nationals who are long-term residents must be interpreted as meaning that the concept of ‘resources’ referred to in that provision does not concern solely the ‘own resources’ of the applicant for long-term resident status, but may also cover the resources made available to that applicant by a third party provided that, in the light of the individual circumstances of the applicant concerned, they are considered to be stable, regular and sufficient.

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**Creator:** European Court of Justice (ECJ)

**Verdict at:** 2019-10-03

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