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Exit visas for essential business travel



When a person violates the [9pm curfew, stay-at-home order](#) or [ban on non-essential contact](#) and is taken to task for it, there's always the chance that the police officer or judge will show lenience. Minor, discreet infractions are normally tolerated. Attending a party for a bunch of bigwigs is another issue. It can cost a person his or her career. Businesspeople are about to face an even worse situation that could bring them into confrontation with both the law and public opinion. A pan-EU ban on [non-essential travel](#) will make an exit visa a prized commodity. Someone will have to decide what constitutes "[imperative business travel](#)," as set forth vaguely by the EU Commission. Hardly anyone dared to test the Czech travel ban last spring, although oligarchs with private planes could have found a way around it. It's different now. Many people will be tempted to get the necessary rubber stamp, but a record will be kept of anyone who does, as well as of the official who grants it.

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