Italian Council of Ministers approves a Decree Law on foreign workers' entry and immigration management

The Italian Council of Ministers approved a Decree Law which introduces urgent provisions concerning the legal entry of foreign workers and citizens, as well as the management of migration. In particular:

- Foreign workers awaiting the conversion of their residence permits are allowed to work during this waiting period, in addition to those already eligible under the renewal and issuance processes.
- The residence permit for foreign workers who are victims of labour exploitation or trafficking was extended from 6 to 12 months. Similarly, the duration of residence permits for social protection reasons (such as victims of domestic violence) was extended to 12 months, as already applied to violence victims.
- The processing time for family reunification permits was increased from 90 to 150 days, aligning with EU standards of 9 months.

The decree also extends the agreement for the Italian Red Cross to manage the Lampedusa immigration hotspot until 31 December 2027.

Source(s)

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