

## **The Italian entry visas archive**

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The Italian entry visa system and the visa policy have been described in details, with special reference to the organization, the structure and the tasks of the Visa Unit of the Ministry of Foreign Affairs, and updates on its activities in 2015. The administrative database of the Visa Unit has been illustrated with regard to its possible uses and the legal limits of exchanging data on visa applications. Data on visas are currently used for statistical purposes (publication of the Statistical Yearbook of the MFA) and as a tool for detecting cases of visa misuse or even corruption (risk management). Currently there is no exchange of data between our database and the databases of the Ministry of Interior; a proposal for an exchange of information -which could be organized for a better understanding and management of international migrations and as a tool for policy decision - has been made, both at national and EU level.