

EUROCHAM'S 5 KEY MUST-WIN BATTLES FOR 2025



Part 2: Expanding Visa Waivers



THE CHALLENGE

Vietnam's limited visa-exemption hinders the country's attractiveness as a tourist and business destination.

45
 **days**

15
 **countries**



in Vietnam

60
 **days**

93
 **countries**



in Thailand

30
^{to}
90
 **days**

158
 **countries**



in Malaysia

*Figures last updated on 15 March 2025.



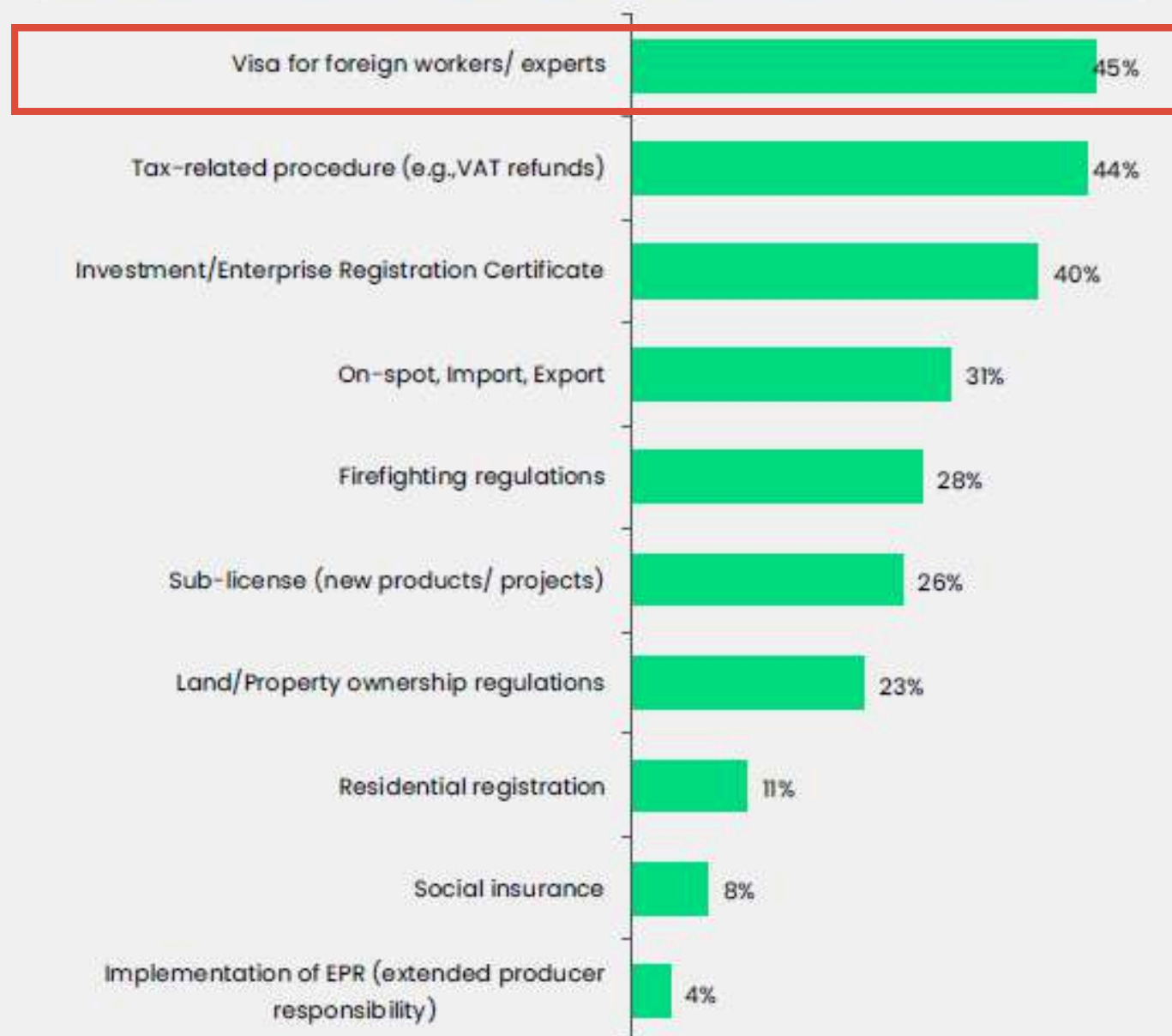
EUROCHAM'S Q1 2025 BUSINESS CONFIDENCE INDEX (BCI)

45% of businesses surveyed encountered procedural inefficiency in obtaining visa for foreign workers/ experts.

Visa procedures are a pain point for both foreign workers and their employers

Together with obtaining visas for foreign experts, tax-related procedures, such as VAT refunds, and Investment/Enterprise Registration Certificate add to the administrative burdens that companies face.

Top 10 pillars to encounter administrative burdens and procedural inefficiencies



Q: In which pillar(s) have you encountered administrative burdens and procedural inefficiencies?

n = 106





EUROCHAM'S RECOMMENDATIONS

- ▶ A **tiered visa system**, including long-term options for digital nomads and retirees;
- ▶ **Expanded visa waivers** to cover the entire EU, Australia, and New Zealand;
- ▶ Investment in modern **e-visa infrastructure**; and
- ▶ Exploring regional cooperation on a **Southeast Asia Common Visa** to enhance connectivity.

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