Entry Exit System (EES)
&
European Travel Information and Authorisation System (ETIAS)
at a glance

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What is the Entry/Exit System?

Automated IT system

Registers non-EU Nationals

Applies to short-stay travellers crossing external borders

Includes visa and visa-free travellers

Records entry refusals

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The Entry/Exit System Benefits

Digitalisation of borders

- Modernised external border management
- State-of-the-art system
- No passport stamping
- Automation of border crossings facilitating and enhancing traveller experience

Identification of over-stayers

- Reliable data on entries, exits, and refusals of entry.
- Systematically detecting travellers exceeding authorised stay duration

Combatting Identity Fraud

- Enhanced accuracy of identity verification thanks to biometric data collection

Reinforced Security

- Improved security checks at the borders due to electronic records on travellers
- High level of security within the Schengen area thanks to biometric data collection

Real-time information sharing

- Real-time sharing of crucial data about non-EU travellers enables authorities across the EU to access information timely

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Where is EES applicable?

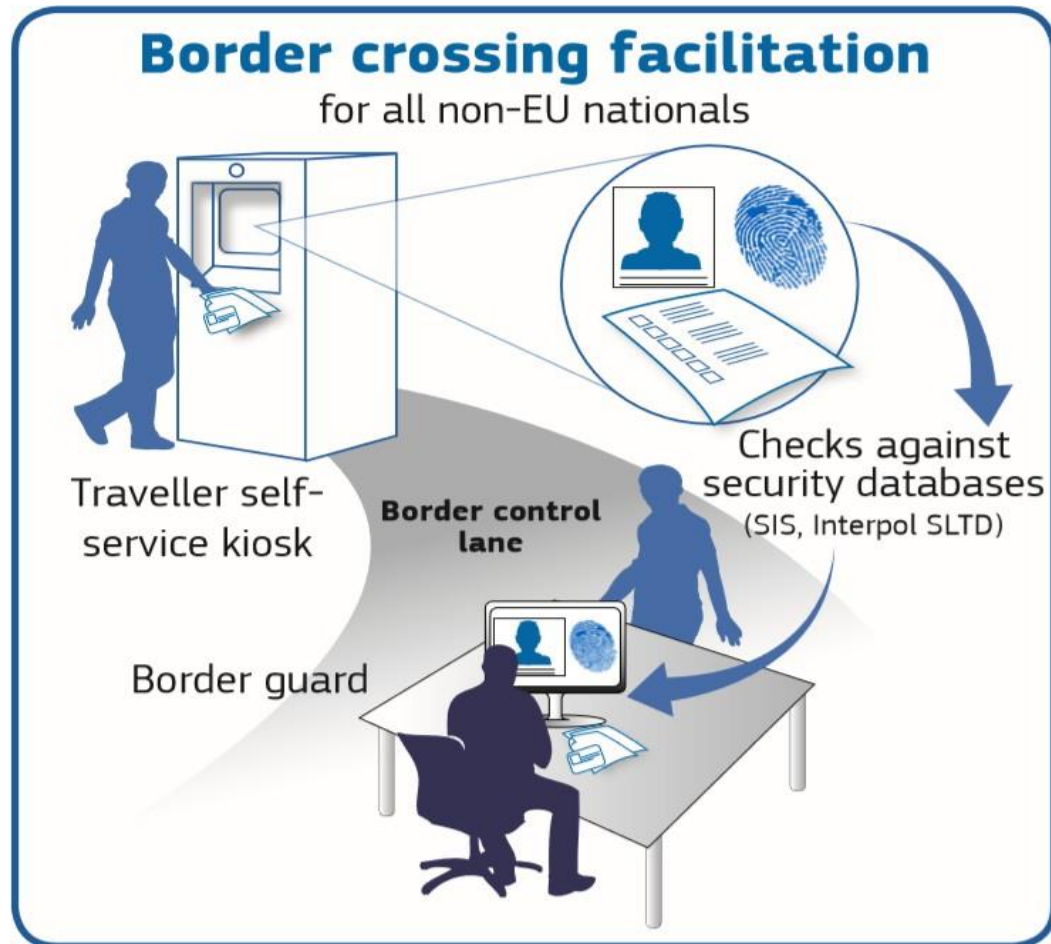|									
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Bulgaria		France		Latvia		Norway		Spain
Croatia		Germany		Liechtenstein		Poland		Sweden
Czech Republic		Greece		Lithuania		Portugal		Switzerland
Denmark		Hungary		Luxembourg		Romania		

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Who is concerned?

- All third-country nationals travelling for a short stay ("90/180 days" rule) to and from 29 countries using the system: both visa-exempt and visa-required travellers

- Refusals of entry will be also recorded

! Exceptions: Non-EU nationals who hold a residence card and are immediately related to an EU national, air crew members in performance of their duties (more exceptions [here](#))

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How does EES work?

Border crossing facilitation
for all non-EU nationals

Traveller self-service kiosk

Border control lane

Border guard

Checks against security databases (SIS, Interpol SLTD)

Before travelling:

If visa required – visa (VIS)

If visa exempt – travel authorisation (ETIAS)

At **BCP**:

Preregistration through (optional) mobile app
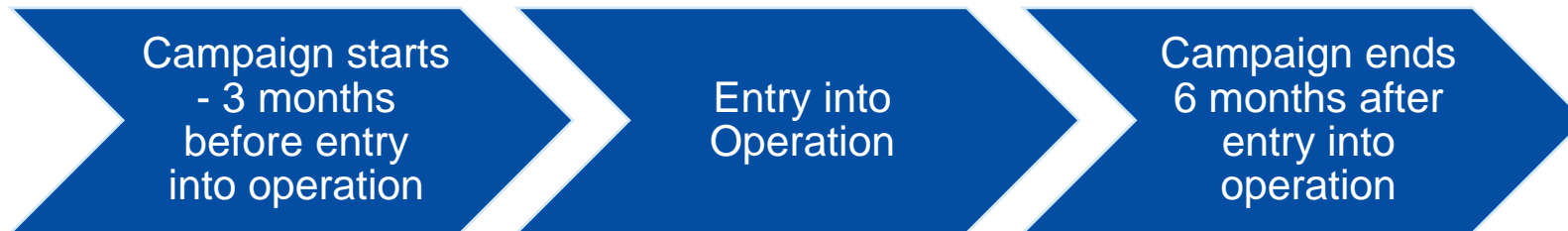
Biometrics at kiosk / booth

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When will EES go live?

- A new timeline has been approved which foresees EES go-live during the last quarters of 2024.

Q3/Q4 2024
Entry-Exit System:
Entry into Operation

2022   2023   2024   2025   2026   2027

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Entry/Exit System (EES) information campaign: timeline

Indicative timeline

| Campaign starts - 3 months before entry into operation | Entry into Operation | Campaign ends 6 months after entry into operation |

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Travel to Europe

Travelling to a number of European countries is about to become easier— all thanks to **the Entry/Exit System**

Scan the QR code to learn more

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https://travel-europe.europa.eu/index_en

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New requirements to travel to Europe

Entry/Exit System (EES)

System for registering non-EU nationals travelling for a short stay in Europe
(currently not in operation)

Go to EES website ›

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Travel authorisation for visa-exempt travellers to enter Europe (coming in late 2023)

Go to ETIAS website ›

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What is ETIAS?

ETIAS in an electronic travel authorisation for visa-exempt nationals travelling to the Schengen area and Cyprus for short stays.

Who does not need an ETIAS?
- UK nationals beneficiaries of the Withdrawal Agreement
- Recognised refugees residing in the EU
- Holders of residence permit/card issued
- Holders of a diplomatic passports
- Members of NATO armed forces
- Crew members on duty
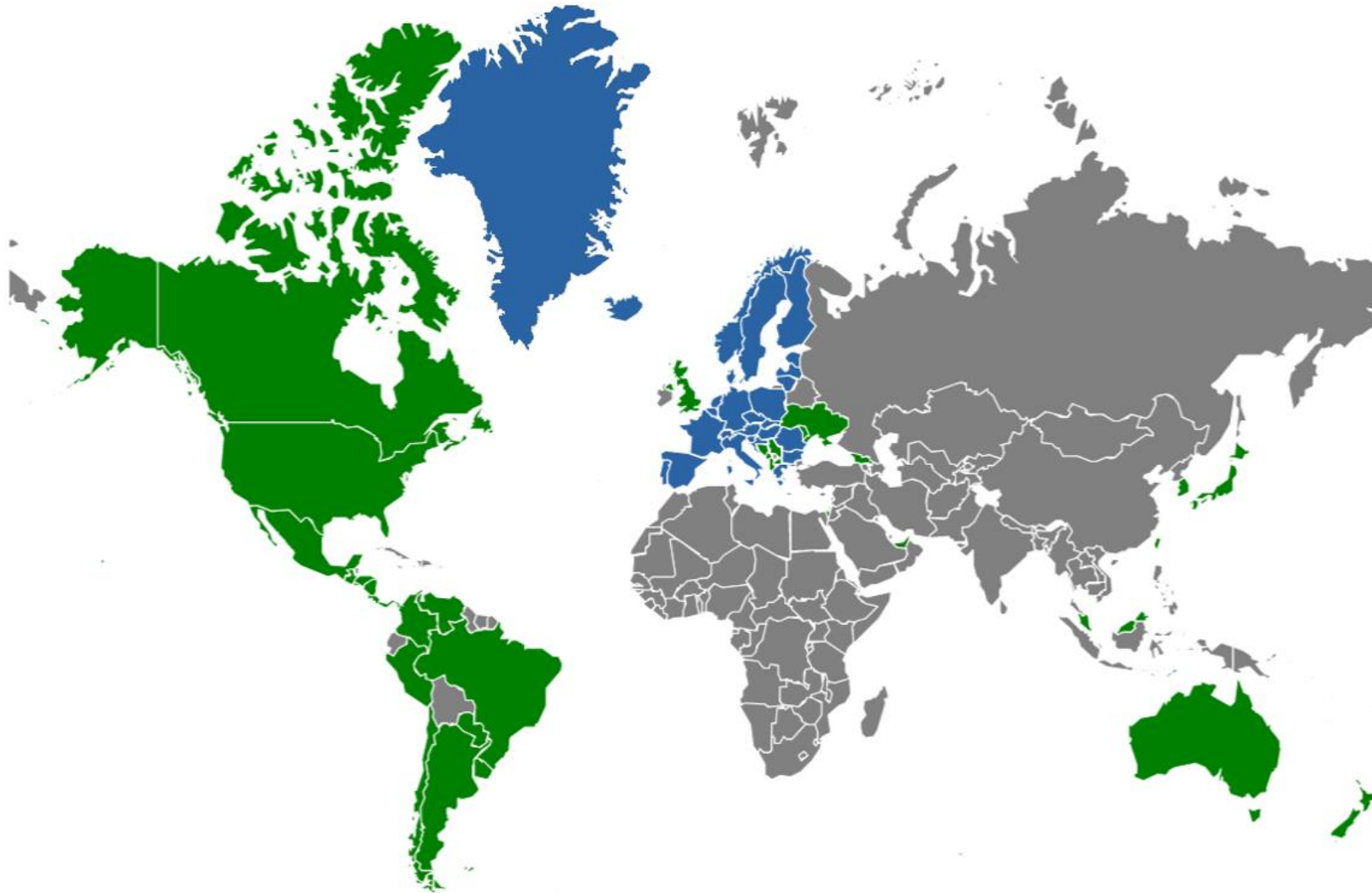- More exceptions here

Where is ETIAS applicable?

EUROPEAN COUNTRIES REQUIRING ETIAS

These 30 European countries require visa-exempt travellers to have an ETIAS travel authorisation:

Austria	Denmark	Hungary	Luxembourg	Romania
Belgium	Estonia	Iceland	Malta	Slovakia
Bulgaria	Finland	Italy	Netherlands	Slovenia
Croatia	France	Latvia	Norway	Spain
Cyprus	Germany	Liechtenstein	Poland	Sweden
Czech Republic	Greece	Lithuania	Portugal	Switzerland

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Who should apply for an ETIAS ?

Blue: European countries where an ETIAS autorisation will be required from third country nationals

Green: Third countries whose citizens will need to be in possession of an ETIAS autorisation to travel to countries in blue.

(the map does NOT take into account recent visa liberalisation agreements).

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ETIAS Benefits for the Authorities

01 Enhanced security, illegal immigration and public health risk assessment for visa-free travelers before arrival

02 More effective border checks and less refusals of entry at borders

03 Supports SIS alerts effectiveness

04 Improves prevention, detection and investigation of terrorist offences and serious criminal offences

05 Enables statistical analysis to identify trends, assess risks, and optimise strategic border management

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ETIAS Benefits for the Applicants

01 Easy, secure, and affordable application without need for an interview in most cases

02 ETIAS authorisations granted within a few minutes for over 95% of travellers

03 Increased confidence to travellers in meeting entry requirements
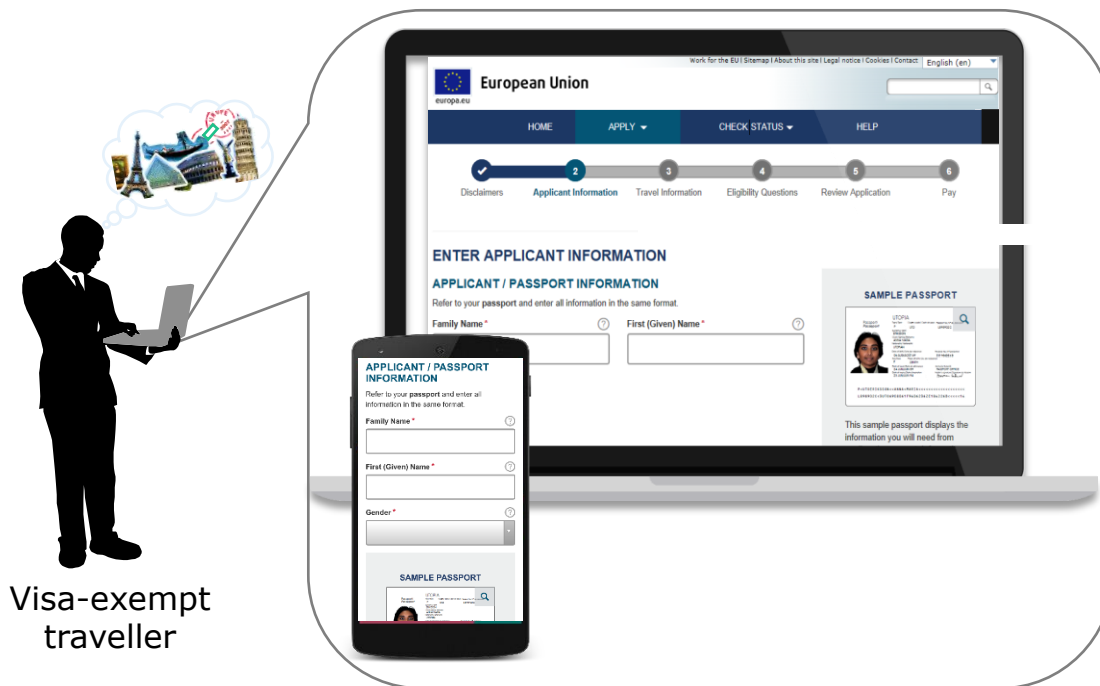
04 Facilitated border crossing and reduced wait times

05 Valid for multiple entries over 3 years, or until passport expires. Stays of up to 90 days/180-day period

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How does ETIAS work for Applicants?

Visa-exempt
traveller

Online form

Only **few minutes to fill-in**

Applicants need their
passport and **credit card**

7 Euro fee, a one-off fee.
Exemptions <u>here</u>

Reply typically within a few minutes
Valid for 3 years or until travel document expires
Multiple entries

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ETIAS Timeline

ETIAS go-live first-half 2025

Transitional Period of at least 6 months -> no obligation for ETIAS

Grace period of at least 6 months: obligation for ETIAS but exception to first-time travelers

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Communication Campaign Timeline

Campaign starts - 6 months before entry into operation

Entry into Operation

First-half of 2025

Ongoing possibly until 2025/2026

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ETIAS campaign overview

For web & social media:

- Video(s)
- Infographic (static and animated)
- Social media cards, story frames (static and animated)
- HTML banners

Digital/physical products:

- Business card
- Leaflet
- Poster
- Outdoor billboards

Press:

- Press/info pack

19 campaign languages:

out of which 6 are official languages of the Member States and 13 are not:

in alphabetic order: **Albanian, Arabic, Bosnian, Croatian, English, French, Georgian, Hebrew, Japanese, Korean, Macedonian, Malay, Mandarin (or Taiwanese Hokkien), Montenegrin, Portuguese, Romanian, Serbian, Spanish, Ukrainian**.

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Thank you

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