



Entry
Exit
System

Travel to Europe

A Modern, More Efficient Border Management System for Europe

A modern and more efficient system for border management comes to Europe: the **Entry/Exit System (EES)**.

Fully automated and digital, the EES will largely replace passport stamping throughout most of Europe.



Travelling to Europe Schengen Area

The Entry/Exit System will apply to non-EU nationals who travel to European countries using the EES for a short stay (that is, for up to 90 days within a 180 day period), whether or not they need a short-stay visa. There are some exemptions (please see 'Exemptions'). Refusals of entry are also recorded in the system.

European countries using the EES are:

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

In Cyprus and Ireland, passports will continue to be stamped manually.

The EES will serve as a digital database of the arrival and departure dates of non-EU nationals travelling to Europe for a short stay. It will also keep records of non-EU nationals' biometric data and data from their travel documents. The EES will make Europe safer and crossing its borders easier.

The EES will not introduce any new requirements for people able to freely move throughout Europe (see 'Exemptions').



Benefits



Modernise passport control to progressively reduce wait times at borders



Automatically registers non-EU nationals who do not respect the maximum duration of their stay



Where available, provide access to automated border control systems for travellers with a biometric passport



Provide precise information to non-EU nationals regarding the maximum duration of their stay in the territory of the European countries using the EES. An online 'Web Service' tool will enable such travellers to check the remaining duration of their authorised stay



Enhance the security of Europe's borders



Privacy

Travellers' data will be collected and stored in full compliance with EU data protection rules and rights. For more information on data protection and how you can exercise your rights in this respect, visit <https://travel-europe.europa.eu>

National Facilitation Programmes

Member States may put in place National Facilitation Programmes to facilitate border crossings for non-EU nationals who frequently travel to Europe. Through these programmes — which may apply in one or several European countries — enrolled travellers can benefit from exemptions related to thorough checks upon their arrival in Europe.

To find out whether you are eligible to benefit from a National Facilitation Programme, visit <https://travel-europe.europa.eu>

Exemptions

The EES will not apply to:

- *Nationals of European countries using the EES, as well as Cyprus and Ireland*
- *Non-EU nationals who hold a residence card and are immediately related to an EU national*
- *Non-EU nationals who hold a residence card or a residence permit and are immediately related to a non-EU national who can travel throughout Europe like an EU citizen*
- *Non-EU nationals travelling to Europe as part of an intra-corporate transfer or for the purposes of research, studies, training, voluntary service, pupil exchange schemes or educational projects and au-pairing*
- *Holders of residence permits and long-stay visas*
- *Nationals of Andorra, Monaco, San Marino, and holders of a passport issued by the Vatican City State or the Holy See*
- *Those exempt from border checks or who have been granted certain privileges with respect to border checks (such as heads of state, cross-border workers, etc.)*
- *Those holding a valid local border traffic permit*
- *Crew members of passenger and goods trains on international connecting journeys*

To learn more about the grounds for an exemption from the EES, visit <https://travel-europe.europa.eu>

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