

Global Immigration alert

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European Union

EU aiming to launch the Entry and Exit System (EES) on 10 November 2024

Executive summary

The EU Commissioner Ylva Johansson announced during her speech on 16 August 2024 that the EU is aiming to launch the [Entry and Exit System](#) (EES) on 10 November 2024.

Background

The [EES](#) is an IT system designed to mitigate irregular migration to the [Schengen Area](#) (encompassing all EU Member States except Ireland and Cyprus) and expedite the entry and exit of bona fide non-EU nationals. It will register most non-EU nationals' entry into, and departure from, the Schengen Area and replace the current manual process of stamping passports. The EES will apply to all non-EU citizens, including visa-exempt and visa-requiring nationals, who cross the external borders of the Schengen Area.

Key developments

The EES was initially set to be introduced in October 2022, but its launch was delayed due to IT issues and concerns about border controls.

The European Travel Information and Authorisation System ([ETIAS](#)), another IT system designed to mitigate irregular migration to the Schengen Area, is set to be introduced after the EES. It will apply to most non-EU nationals who are visa exempt and require them to complete an online registration

form prior to travel. At the time of publication, the ETIAS is expected to go live in mid-2025.

Impact on employers

Employers may continue to monitor developments related to the EES and ETIAS and adopt internal policies as required to ensure compliance.

Key steps

EY will continue to monitor these developments. Should you have any questions, we encourage you to contact one of our immigration professionals.

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