



Global Immigration alert

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European Union

EU Council adopts law for the gradual implementation of the Entry/Exit System

Executive summary

On 18 July 2025, the European Council adopted an EU law enabling the gradual implementation of the Entry/Exit System (EES) over a six-month period. The EES is due to progressively start in October 2025. The EU will confirm the exact start date several months prior to its launch.

Key developments

The European Council and the European Parliament previously reached a provisional agreement allowing EU Member States to gradually introduce the EES. The EES aims to enhance border management and improve the efficiency of controls at the EU's external borders. The [previously announced](#) features and conditions for the phased deployment of the EES remain unchanged.

Impact on employers

Employers may continue to monitor developments related to the EES and update 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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