



# Global Immigration alert

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## European Union

The European Commission sets the implementation date of the Entry/Exit System

### Executive summary

On 30 July 2025, the European Commission announced that the Entry/Exit System (EES) will be rolled out progressively over a six-month period starting on 12 October 2025.

### Background

The European Council and the European Parliament previously reached a [provisional agreement](#) allowing EU Member States to gradually introduce the EES, which aims to enhance border management and improve the efficiency of controls at the EU's external borders. The EES is an IT system designed to mitigate irregular migration to the Schengen Area (encompassing all EU Member States except Cyprus and Ireland) and expedite the entry and exit of bona fide non-EU nationals traveling for short stays (i.e., less than 90 days). It will register the traveler's entry into, and departure from, the Schengen Area (including their biometric information) and replace the current manual process of stamping passports. The EES will apply to all non-EU citizens including visa-exempt and visa-required nationals, who cross the external borders of the Schengen Area for short stays of up to 90 days in any 180-day period.

### Key developments

The EES will be progressively rolled out at the external borders of 29 European countries over a six-month period starting from 12 October 2025, giving border authorities, travelers and the transport industry time to adjust to new procedures. During this period, border authorities will register the data of third-country nationals crossing the external Schengen borders, with full deployment expected at all border crossing points by the end of the rollout, which will conclude on 9 April 2026. Until the EES is fully operational, not all border crossing points will

register personal information in the system; therefore, passports will continue to be stamped according to standard procedures.

Starting on 10 April 2026, the EES is expected to be fully operational at all external border crossing points of the European countries using the system.

### 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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