



Global Immigration alert

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The European Commission announces new ETIAS fee

Executive summary

The European Commission recently announced an updated processing fee related to the European Travel Information and Authorization System (ETIAS). The updated fee will apply once ETIAS goes into effect, which is expected in the last quarter of 2026.

Background

The ETIAS system aims to facilitate travel for visa-exempt non-EU nationals while mitigating irregular migration to the Schengen Area. Visa-exempt non-EU nationals will be required to complete an online registration form prior to travel. The system will process applications automatically, providing travelers with a decision within minutes.

Key developments

The ETIAS fee will be EUR 20, instead of EUR 7 as announced previously. The fee adjustment will undergo a two-month review period by the European Council and Parliament, making the new fee of EUR 20 subject to potentially further change. Certain groups, including individuals under 18 or over the age of 70, will be exempt from the fee.

Impact on employers

The updated fee and the implementation of the ETIAS system may impact travel planning and costs for organizations that sponsor the entry of non-EU nationals.

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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