



# **EU Border control – update on legislation and its impact on border control**

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# **EU BORDER MANAGEMENT**

## **control of persons – 3 components :**

**Common Corpus of legislation  
Including security features of travel documents**

**Operational cooperation between  
Member States, incl. *FRONTEX* Agency  
Risk analysis and Common Training**

**Solidarity between MS and Community  
through *External Borders Fund***

# Travel documents

Starting point European Council in 2003

« coherent approach on biometric identifiers or biometric data which would result in harmonised solutions for documents for third country nationals, EU citizen's passports and information systems »

- Passport for EU-citizens
- Visa and residence permits



# Passport of EU citizens

## Passport of EU citizens:

- Adoption of the Regulation in 2004 providing for the introduction of biometric identifiers – facial image and fingerprints:
- Adoption of the technical specifications:
  - Introduction of facial image in 2005 > since 28.8.2006 obligation to include facial image
  - Introduction of fingerprints in June 2006 > from 28.6.2009 onwards obligation to include fingerprints

# Passport of EU citizens

Technical specifications of the passport:

- Contactless chip
- Basic access control (BAC) for the facial image
- Extended access control (EAC) for the fingerprints (two)

# Visas and residence permits

- Visas – finally decided not to integrate biometric identifiers into the visa sticker but into the Visa Information System (VIS)
- Consequences: visa remain unchanged
- Residence permits will be only issued in card form (transitional period of 2 years)

# Residence permit

## Technical specifications of the residence permit:

- 2 card versions possible: ID1 and ID2 at the choice of Member States
- Front of the card stays uniform, however on the back additional national security features can be added



# Residence permit

## **National use of the residence permit:**

Modified Regulation allows that Member States integrate an additional contact chip or a dual-interface chip, or use part of the contactless chip for e-government, e-business or additional provisions related to the residence permit, under the condition, that the national data are clearly separated from the biometric data.



# Residence permit

## Time frame

- Modified Regulation will be adopted in October 2007
- Technical specifications may be adopted until the end of 2007
- Facial image will be implemented at the latest 2 years after the adoption of the technical specifications (end 2009).
- Fingerprints at the latest 3 years after the adoption of the technical specifications (end 2010).

# **EU BORDER MANAGEMENT– tools:**

## **IT systems:**

Schengen Information System II  
Visa Information System



# Visa information system (VIS)

- Visa Information System, adoption expected in October 2007
- Pilot projects
- Changes for the Schengen Borders Code:
- Systematic check against the VIS at borders

# Future developments

- Studying the feasibility of an entry/exit system:
- Challenges:
  - All third country nationals?
  - Only third country nationals submitted to the visa obligation?



# Future developments



- Studying the feasibility of a registered traveller scheme:
- Challenges:
  - only EU citizens?
  - Also third country nationals?
    - All third country nationals
    - Only third country nationals not submitted to the visa obligation
- Timeframe: Communication in February 2008

# Lifting of internal border control

Council Decision 8./9.11.2007, if all preconditions are met:

- land and sea borders – end of December 2007
- air borders March 2008

A globe is depicted, composed of a grid of various images. The images include a car, a city at night, a sunset, a person, and other scenes. The globe is centered on the slide.

Thank you for your attention!