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EUROPEAN BORDER AND COAST GUARD AGENCY

THE RULES FOR TRAVELLING TO EUROPE ARE CHANGING AS OF 2024

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EES & ETIAS - WHAT ARE THEY ABOUT

A change affecting travel to 30 European countries.

Entry
Exit
System

ENTRY/EXIT SYSTEM (EES)

Registers visa-free and visa-required travellers entering 29 European countries for a short stay

- Starts in Autumn 2024
- Travellers' **biometrics** registered and verified
- **Replaces** physical stamps of passport
- **Automatically detects** overstayers
- Detects cases of multiple identities

EUROPEAN TRAVEL INFORMATION AND AUTHORIZATION SYSTEM (ETIAS)

New entry requirement for visa-free travellers to enter the 27 Schengen countries, Bulgaria, Cyprus and Romania for a short stay

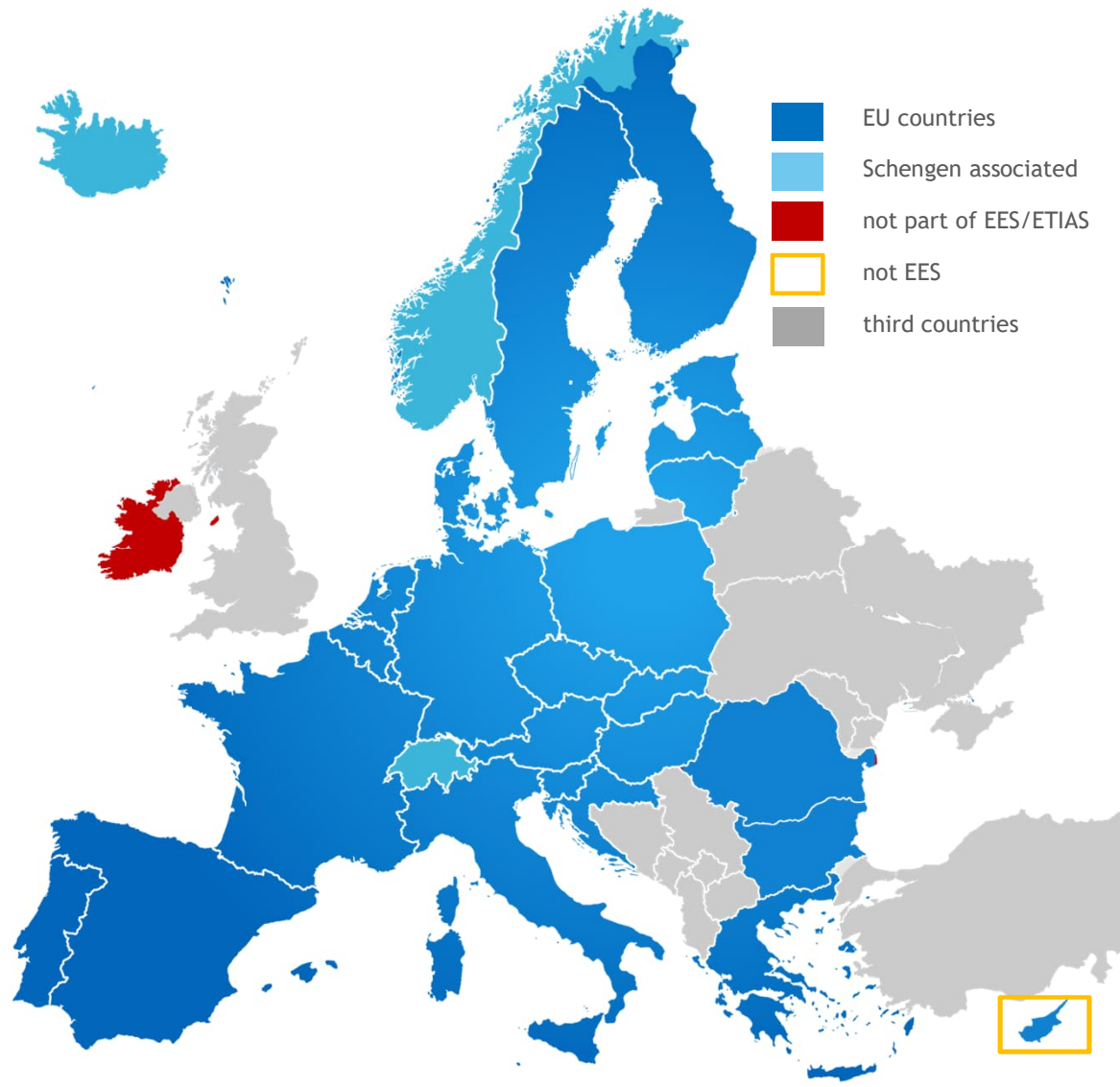


- Starts in May 2025
- ETIAS travel **authorisation** required to travel to 30 European countries
- **EUR 7** (age: 18-70)
- Valid for **3 years** or until the passport expires
- **Transition and grace periods** (at least 6 months each)

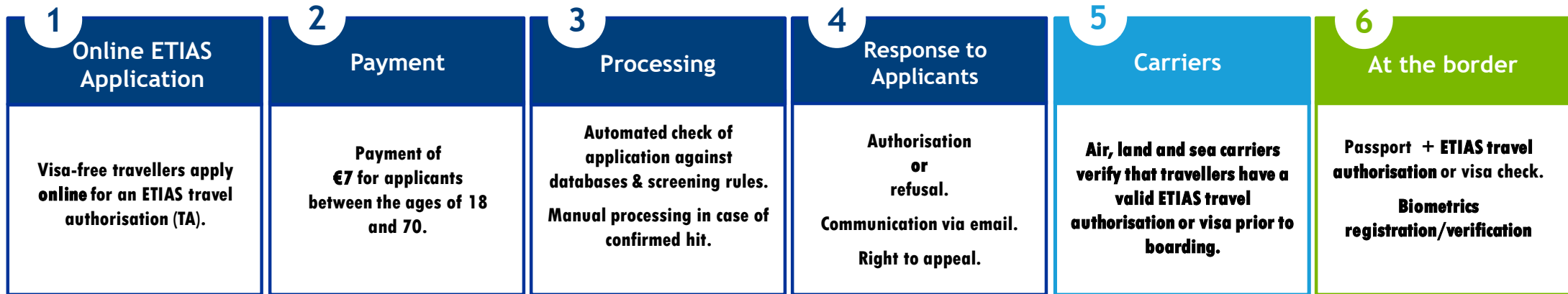
EES & ETIAS

REQUIRING COUNTRIES

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|  Austria |  Latvia |
|  Belgium |  Liechtenstein |
|  Bulgaria |  Lithuania |
|  Croatia |  Luxembourg |
|  Cyprus |  Malta |
|  Czech Republic |  Netherlands |
|  Denmark |  Norway |
|  Estonia |  Poland |
|  Finland |  Portugal |
|  France |  Romania |
|  Germany |  Slovakia |
|  Greece |  Slovenia |
|  Hungary |  Spain |
|  Iceland |  Sweden |
|  Italy |  Switzerland |



NEW TRAVEL PROCESS TO EUROPE



Possibility of pre-registration for first-time travellers

ETIAS IS NOT A VISA!

It is a **travel authorisation** for visa-exempt travellers to enter **30 European countries**

Only for **short stays** (90 days in 180 day period)

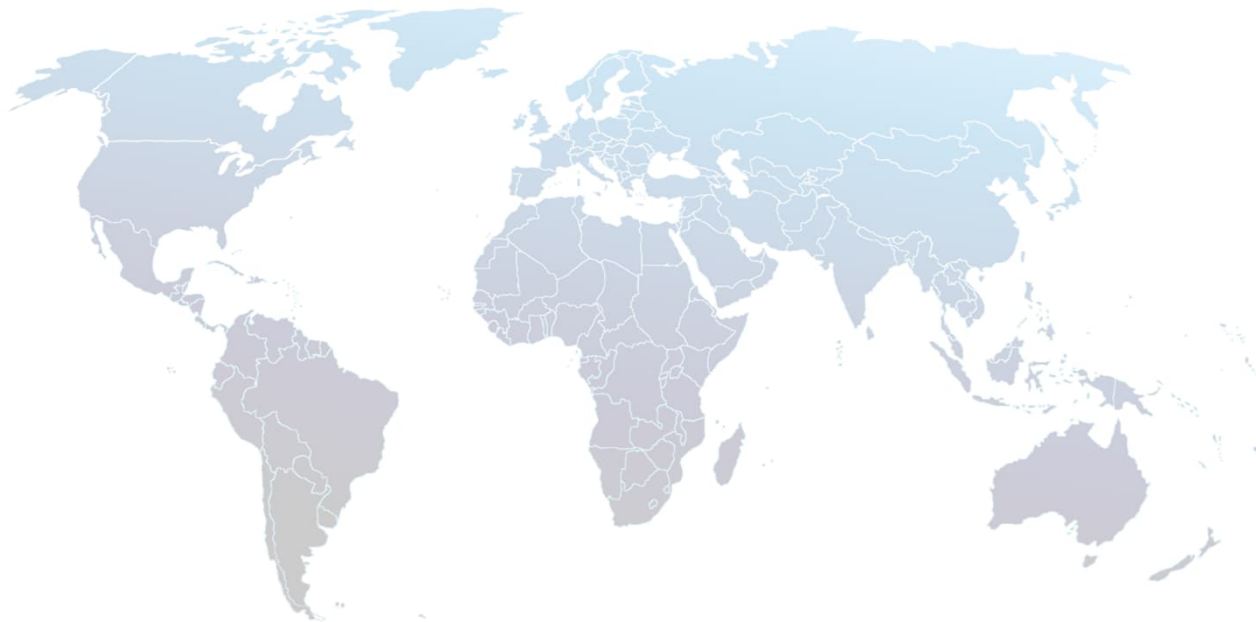
Through **pre-screening**:

- will **facilitate** border crossings of travellers
- **detect** those who could pose a risk



ETIAS REQUIRED COUNTRIES

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|  | Albania |  | Mauritius |  | Timor-Leste |
|  | Antigua and Barbuda |  | Mexico |  | Tonga |
|  | Argentina |  | Micronesia |  | Trinidad and Tobago |
|  | Australia |  | Moldova |  | Tuvalu |
|  | Bahamas |  | Montenegro |  | Ukraine |
|  | Barbados |  | New Zealand |  | United Arab Emirates |
|  | Bosnia and Herzegovina |  | Nicaragua |  | United Kingdom |
|  | Brazil |  | North Macedonia |  | United States of America |
|  | Brunei |  | Palau |  | Uruguay |
|  | Canada |  | Panama |  | Venezuela |
|  | Chile |  | Paraguay | | |
|  | Colombia |  | Peru | | |
|  | Costa Rica |  | Saint Kitts and Nevis | | |
|  | Dominica |  | Saint Lucia | | |
|  | El Salvador |  | Saint Vincent and the Grenadines | | |
|  | Georgia |  | Samoa | | |
|  | Grenada |  | Serbia | | |
|  | Guatemala |  | Seychelles | | |
|  | Honduras |  | Singapore | | |
|  | Hong Kong |  | Solomon Islands | | |
|  | Israel |  | South Korea | | |
|  | Japan |  | Taiwan | | |
|  | Kiribati | | | | |
|  | Macao | | | | |
|  | Malaysia | | | | |
|  | Marshall Islands | | | | |



CHANGES AFFECTING TRAVELLERS

BEFORE TRAVEL

- **ETIAS** - Travellers must obtain their travel authorisation before starting the trip
- **EES** - No prior action required from travellers before they start their trip
- **ETIAS/EES** - Status can be checked online

AT THE BORDER

- **ETIAS** - No fallback option: no ETIAS = no entry
- **EES** - Collects travellers' biometric and biographical data, date and place of entry/exit
- **EES** - Replaces manual stamping of passports
- **EES** - Registration at first crossing. Verification at all subsequent crossings

SUPPORT

- **ETIAS** - Support on how to apply

CHANGES AFFECTING CARRIERS

LEGAL OBLIGATION

- Obligation for carriers to **verify, within 48h prior to departure**, that passengers have a valid ETIAS or a visa
- Also applies to **commercial carriers/private jets** carrying fee-based passengers
- Non-compliant carriers may be subject to penalties

SYSTEMS

- Electronic verification through **carrier interface**.
- Verification can be performed only by registered carriers.
- Response from the gateway:
OK / NOT OK / NOT APPLICABLE

SUPPORT

- **Support 24/7** for technical and operational issues (via **online ticketing system** and **Emergency Phone line**)

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ETIAS Central Unit

The ETIAS Central Unit is established within Frontex and it will review and verify applications that need a manual check, and provide support for carriers and travellers.

Operational 24 hours a day / 7 days a week

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DOCUMENT FORGERY



DISINFORMATION

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There is only one official ETIAS website:

europa.eu/etias



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Thank you

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