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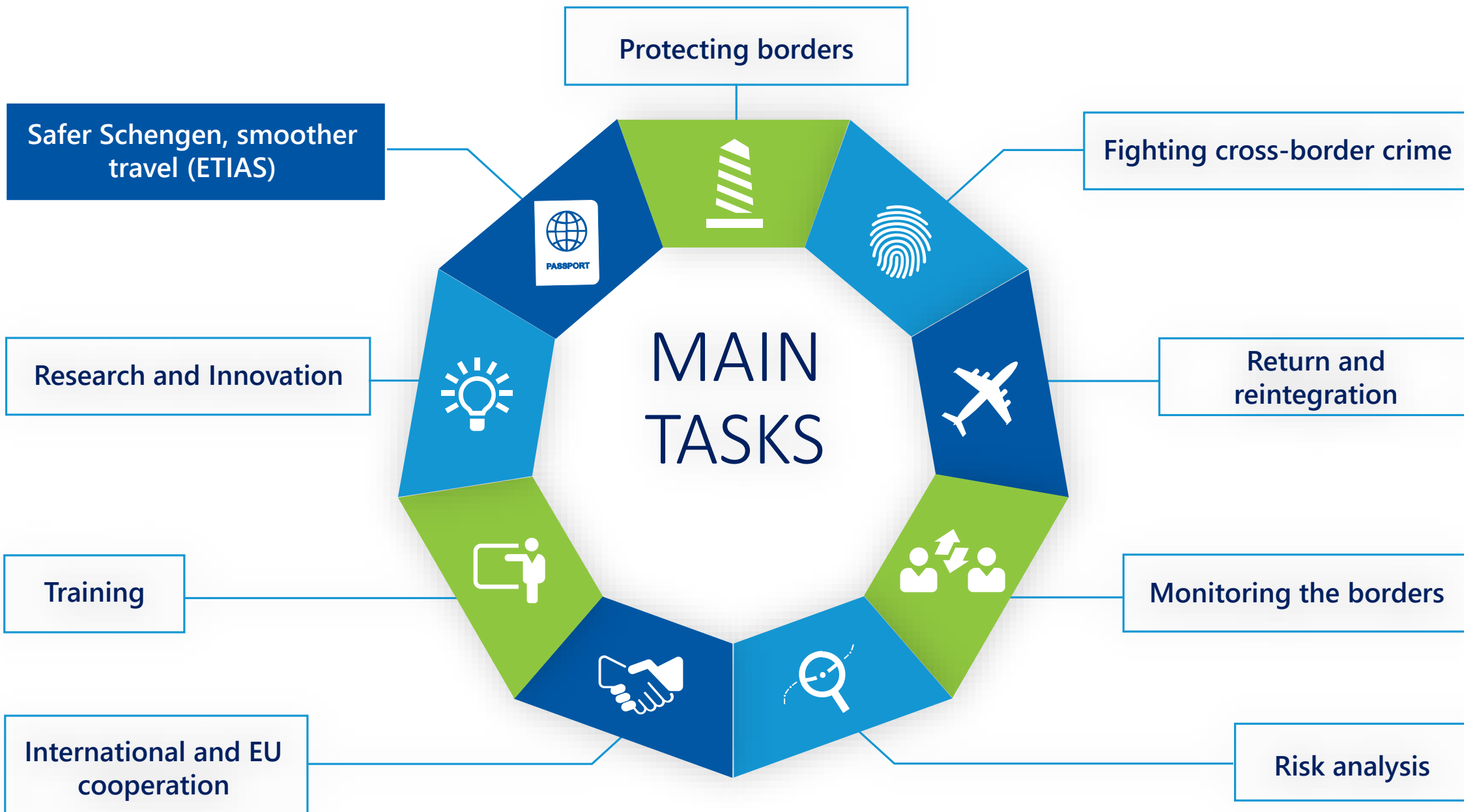
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THE FRONTEX VISION FOR SEAMLESS TRAVEL

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INTEROPERABILITY ARCHITECTURE

Existing systems

- Schengen Information System (SIS)
- Visa Information System (VIS)
- New Eurodac
- Europol databases

New systems

- ECRIS-TCN (2026)
- Entry/Exit System
- European Travel Information and Authorisation System (ETIAS)

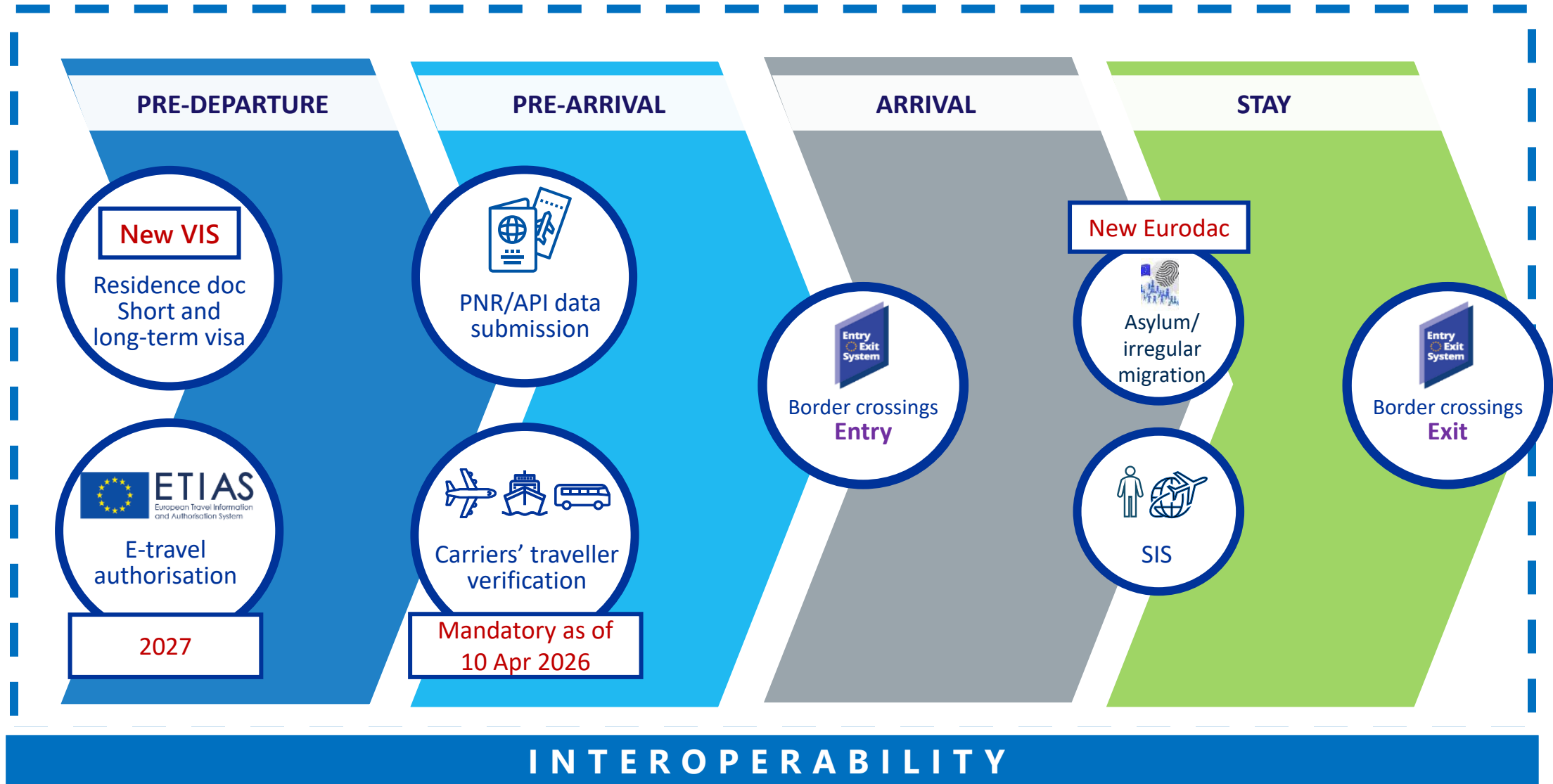
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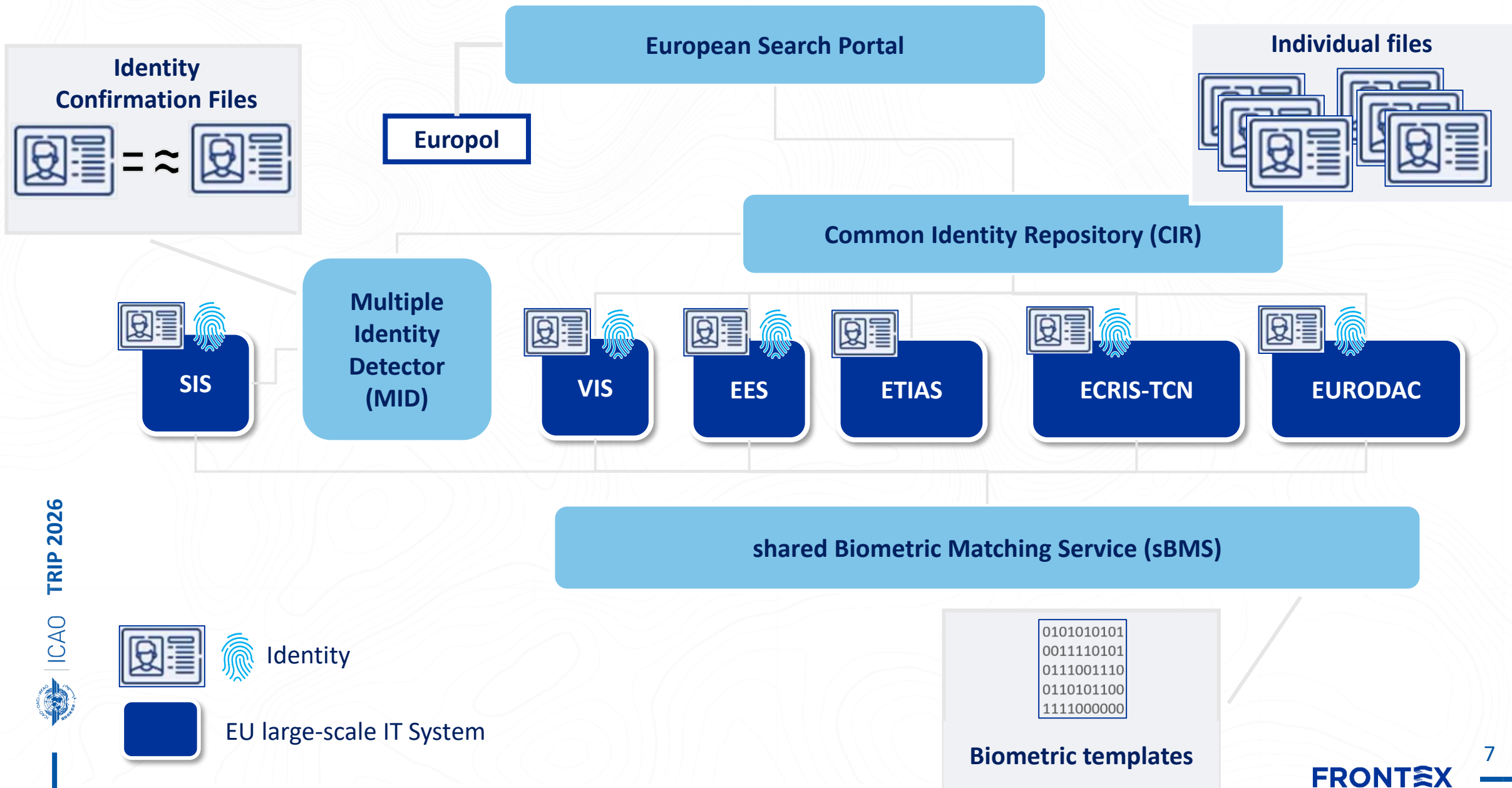
- Making these systems talk to each other
- Ensuring that there is only one profile per individual in the systems

CURRENT SITUATION



WHAT COMES NEXT





NEW VISA INFORMATION SYSTEM (VIS)



- Enhanced security checks across all databases
- Better data and information exchange
- More efficient return procedures
- Strengthened capacity to prosecute and prevent crime

DIGITAL VISA



Digitalisation of the Schengen visa

- Online application
- Digital visa replaces physical sticker with a cryptographically signed barcode
- Applicants need to enrol biometric data at a consulate, can complete application online

Benefits

- Easier and more secure - reduced risk of theft, fraud, and falsification
- Streamlined visa applications and lower costs for applicants and issuing authorities

Key features

- Single EU Online Visa application platform for all Schengen countries
- Applicants can enter data, upload documents, and pay fees online

DIGITAL TRAVEL CREDENTIAL (DTC)



EU Digital Travel Application (DTA)

- Digital version of passport/ID card data
- Available to EU citizens and non-EU nationals with biometric passports
- Can be stored on mobile phones and in European Digital Identity Wallet

Benefits

- Faster and more secure border crossings
- Enhanced security through advance checks

Implementation

- Voluntary, but all Schengen countries will accept digital travel credentials
- Available as of 2030, with national systems possible before then

SOME STATISTICS

PRE-DEPARTURE



11,7 M short-stay
visa applications
(2024)



Estimated
60 – 80 M
applications
annually

PRE-ARRIVAL



Approx **485 M**
border crossings
by air
(2025)

ARRIVAL



Approx **705 M**
border crossings
(2025)

from which
approx. **280 M** by
TCNs

STAY



928 K asylum
applications
(2025)

240 K detected
illegal border
crossing
(2025)

516 K illegal stay
inland
(2025)



3,5 M first
residence
permits issued
in the EU
(2025)



465 K return
decisions
(2025)



Thank You

