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Entry Exit System (EES)

On 12 October 2025, a new system was implemented that digitally registers travelers' when they cross the external borders of the Schengen area. The system, known as the 'Entry Exit System' (EES), will replace the current practice of passport stamping.

The EES will be introduced gradually in 29 European countries over a period of 6 months. Registration will therefore not take place at all border crossing points from the outset, and there may be border crossings where biometric data is not collected during this period. Passport stamping will be maintained during this phase.

The gradual EES implementation period of 180 days ends **on 10. April 2026**.

On 10. April 2026 it is expected that European Travel Information and Authorization System (ETIAS) will Go Live. It is an electronic system designed to approve visa-exempt travelers' before they enter the Schengen Area.

EES is subject to inspection in connection with seafarers' crew changes, but vessels' **crew changes are NOT subject to ETIAS**.