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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 (EES) Registers visa-free and visa-required traveller

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- 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 AUTHORISATION SYSTEM (ETIAS) New entry requirement for visa-free travellers to enter the 29 Schengen countries (Bulgaria\*, Romania\*) and Cyprus for a short stay



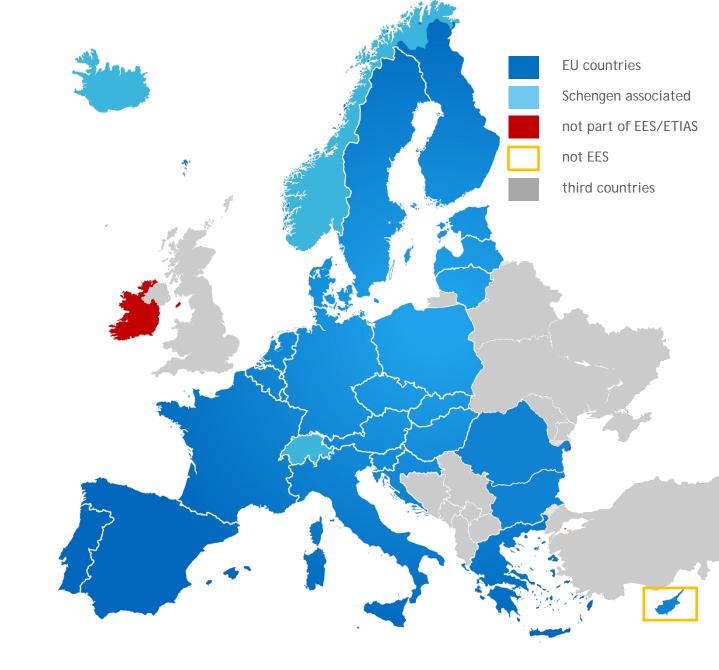
- Starts in May 2025
- ETIAS travel authorisation required to travel to 30 European countries
- EUR 7 (age: 18-70)
- Valid for 3 years or until the passport expires
- Transition and grace periods (at least 6 months each)



### **EES & ETIAS** REQUIRING COUNTRIES











## NEW TRAVEL PROCESS TO EUROPE

PRE-DEPARTURE				TRAVEL	STAY	
1 Online ETIAS Application	2 Payment	3 Processing	4 Response to Applicants	5 Carriers	6 At the border	
Visa-free travellers apply <b>online</b> for an ETIAS travel authorisation (TA).	Payment of <b>€7</b> for applicants between the ages of 18 and 70.	Automated check of application against databases & <b>screening</b> <b>rules</b> . Manual processing in case of confirmed hit.	Authorisation <b>or</b> refusal. Communication via email. Right to appeal.	Air, land and sea carriers verify that travellers have a valid ETIAS travel authorisation or visa prior to boarding.	authorisation or visa	

Possibility of pre-registration for first-time travellers



## **CHANGES AFFECTING TRAVELLERS**

#### **BEFORE TRAVEL**

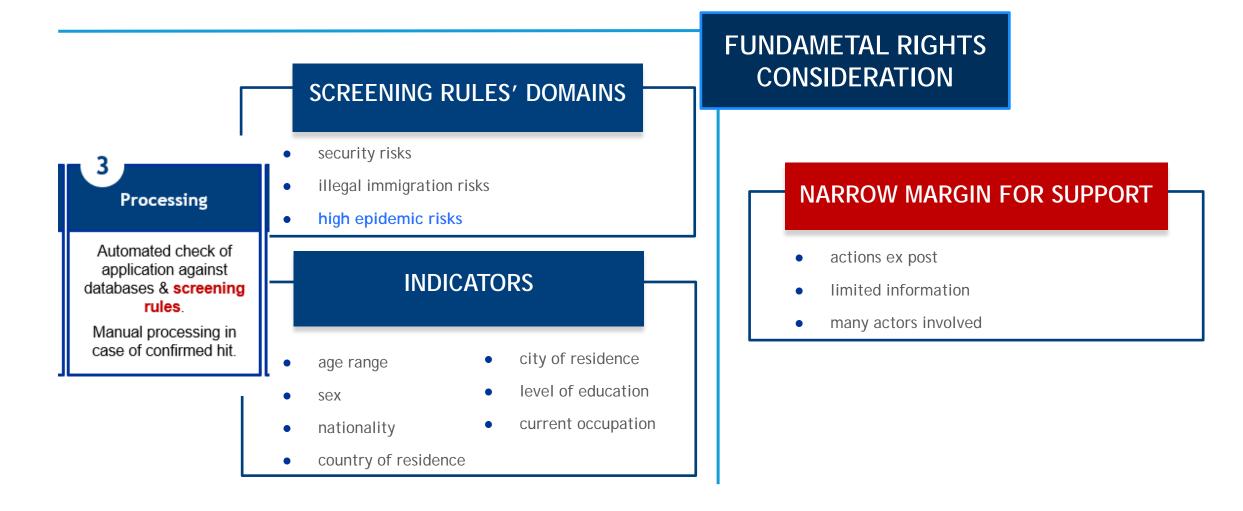
- ETIAS Travellers must obtain their travel authorisation before starting the trip
- EES No prior action required from travellers before they start their trip
- ETIAS/EES Status can be checked online

#### 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



### ETIAS ROLE IN PROTECTION OF PUBLIC HEALTH







### **BEWARE OF UNOFFICIAL ETIAS WEBSITES**

There is only one official ETIAS website:

### europa.eu/etias







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### Thank you

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