

Which countries use the EES and ETIAS?

	Austria
	Belgium
	Bulgaria
	Croatia
	Cyprus
	Czech Republic
	Denmark
	Estonia
	Finland
	France
	Germany
	Greece
	Hungary
	Iceland
	Italy
	Latvia
	Liechtenstein
	Lithuania
	Luxemburg
	Malta
	Netherlands
	Norway
	Poland
	Portugal
	Romania
	Slovakia
	Slovenia
	Spain
	Sweden
	Switzerland
	- not EES

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Where to find more information

Registration

- More information about the registration process for carriers can be found on: eulisa.europa.eu
Requests for support can also be addressed to carriers_onboarding@eulisa.europa.eu

Operational assistance

Before the launch of the EES:

- Requests for operational assistance can be addressed to the ETIAS Central Unit via etias.acu1@frontex.europa.eu

After the launch of the EES:

- Support requests should be directed to the ETIAS Central Unit through a dedicated online ticketing tool available for registered carriers.



FAQs about ETIAS and the EES for carriers

Information for travellers:

- Official ETIAS website: europa.eu/etias
- Official EES website: europa.eu/ees

Beware of fake ETIAS websites!

NEW RULES FOR TRAVELLING TO EUROPE

Find out what the EES and ETIAS mean for sea carriers



ETIAS
European travel Information and Authorisation System

Entry-Exit System

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What are the EES and ETIAS?

The European Union's new border management initiatives affect travel to most European countries:

- the Entry/Exit System (EES)
- European Travel Information and Authorisation System (ETIAS).

The EES registers all non-EU nationals entering 29 European countries for a short stay: both visa-free and visa-required travellers. The system replaces the manual stamping of passports at the border.

ETIAS, which will be introduced after the EES, will require visa-free travellers to apply for a travel authorisation before starting their trip to 30 European countries.

The detailed list of the countries using the EES and ETIAS is available at the back of this leaflet.

More information about the EES and ETIAS and what they mean for travellers can be found on travel-europe.europa.eu.

What the EES and ETIAS mean for sea carriers

Within 48 hours prior to departure, sea carriers need to verify that:

- visa-required travellers have a valid single or double entry visa
- visa-free travellers have a valid ETIAS travel authorisation

These obligations apply, among others, to ferry companies, cruise and cargo ships that transport passengers from outside the EU to a European country using the EES or requiring ETIAS.

Private yachts, pleasure boats and cargo ships with no travellers on board are exempt from these obligations.



New electronic verification of passengers

The European Union provides a new tool for carriers – **the carrier interface** – which allows them to verify electronically that passengers have a valid single or double entry visa, or an ETIAS travel authorisation.

Carriers **need to register** to use the carrier interface.

It is up to the carrier to assess whether a passenger requires verification as described above.

IMPORTANT:

IN SOME CASES, CARRIERS ALSO NEED TO VERIFY WHETHER CREW MEMBERS OR STAFF ARE IN POSSESSION OF A SINGLE OR DOUBLE ENTRY VISA, OR AN ETIAS TRAVEL AUTHORISATION.

CARRIERS WILL BE LIABLE AND SUBJECT TO PENALTIES IF THEY TRANSPORT PERSONS WITHOUT VALID TRAVEL DOCUMENTS.

The process explained

Registration:

In order to verify passengers' travel documents using the carrier interface, carriers need to register with eu-LISA, the EU agency responsible for building the system.

Testing:

As part of the registration process, carriers need to complete a series of tests to ensure they can connect to the system and be certified to have full access to the carrier interface.

Verification:

Carriers receive access to the carrier interface, which allows them to electronically verify that passengers are in possession of a valid single or double entry visa, or an ETIAS travel authorisation.

Support:

The ETIAS Central Unit of Frontex, the European Border and Coast Guard Agency, will provide operational and technical assistance to carriers 24/7 in English once the EES starts.