European Travel Information and Authorisation System (ETIAS)
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- To provide an overview of the European Travel Information and Authorisation System (ETIAS) as it is envisaged today, on the basis of public domain information

- ETIAS is an initiative in the context of the European ‘Smart Borders’ package. The feasibility of ETIAS is currently under study. After the events of March 22, 2016, the relevance of such a system became more evident than it already was.

- On the basis of comparable systems such as the US ESTA and the Canadian ETA, possible characteristics of ETIAS are discussed. Obviously, such characteristic are speculative, as any implementation is subject to approval by the competent authorities at the level of the Commission and of Member States.

- This presentation solely represents the opinion of its presenter and forms no commitment, approval or endorsement whatsoever of any other party including the European Commission.
ETIAS – what and why
**ETIAS - what**

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<td><em>VE-TCN (</em>)*</td>
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... more than an IT system

(*) VE-TCN: Visa Exempt – Third Country National
ETIAS - what

Countries of origin of VE-TCN - Visa Exempt Third Country Nationals

Over 1.2 Billion people from 61 countries are VE-TCN

# ETIAS objectives

1. Improve the **information** on visa-exempt travellers
2. Identify prior to arrival if a traveller poses a **security or migratory risk**

## ETIAS scope

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<th>Traveller type</th>
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| Border type             | **All types of borders**  
|                         | land, air and sea                                                                                     |
| Right of entry          | **No**  
|                         | ETIAS approval does not give a right of entry  
|                         | The decision is taken by a **border guard** at the border-crossing point                               |
The European border control IT landscape (by 2025)

Foundation:
- The Schengen Borders Code (SBC) governs the crossing of EU borders
- Visa Information System (VIS) allows Schengen States to exchange visa data
- Schengen Information System (SIS) allows Schengen States to exchange data on suspected criminals, on people who may not have the right to enter into or stay in the EU, on missing persons and on stolen, misappropriated or lost property.
- EuroDAC allows fingerprint identification for undocumented persons
ETIAS – how
The global context

More than 1bn 400m people are EU visa-exempt
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Number of VE-TCN will grow by more than 127m

This proportion will change in favour of land crossings if Turkey and/or Ukraine become VE

Visa-exempt

Air 84%
Land 7%
Sea 9%

Visa exempt countries
Possible future VE countries
Travel authorisation systems around the world

- **Canada eTA (2016)**
  - Volume: 3M

- **US ESTA (2009)**
  - Volume: 13M

- **ETIAS**
  - Volume: 30M

- **Australia ETA – 1996**

- **Australia eVisitor (2013)**
  - Volume: 1M

- Land borders in the future
ETIAS feasibility study

From the RFP: "Why should a travel authorisation system for visa-exempt travellers be developed, what would be its impact on EU migration, visa and security, how would that system work, how would it best be implemented and what are the conditions for yielding a positive cost/benefit balance?"
ETIAS process outline (tentative)

Application by VE-TCN

Verification before boarding

Verification at border-crossing
ETIAS - How

US ESTA

[Disclaimer]

The Electronic System for Travel Authorization performs checks against law enforcement databases. All travelers seeking admission to the United States under the Visa Waiver Program are required to obtain an electronic travel authorization using this system prior to being granted boarding.

If your electronic travel authorization application is approved, it establishes that you are eligible to travel, but does not establish that you are admissible to the United States under the Visa Waiver Program. Upon arrival to the United States, you will be inspected by a U.S. Customs and Border Protection Officer at a port of entry who may determine that you are inadmissible under the Visa Waiver Program or for any reason under United States law.

A determination that you are not eligible for electronic travel authorization does not preclude you from applying for a visa to travel to the United States.

All information provided by you, or on your behalf by a designated third party, must be true and correct. An electronic travel authorization may be revoked at any time and for any reason, such as new information influencing eligibility. You may be subject to administrative or criminal penalties if you knowingly and willfully make a materially false, fictitious, or fraudulent statement or representation in an electronic travel authorization application submitted by you or on your behalf.

WARNING: If upon application for admission to the United States at a port of entry you are admitted under the Visa Waiver Program (VWP) by a US Customs and Border Protection Officer, you may not accept unauthorized employment, or attend school, or represent the foreign information media during your visit under the program. You may not apply for: 1) a change of nonimmigrant status, 2) an extension of stay, or 3) adjustment of status to
ETIAS - How

CA ETA

Electronic Travel Authorization (eTA)

The Government of Canada’s official website to apply for an eTA. It only costs $7 CAD. Most eTA applications are approved within minutes of applying.

New entry requirement now in effect: visa-exempt foreign nationals who fly to or transit through Canada need an Electronic Travel Authorization (eTA).

Exceptions include U.S. citizens and travellers with a valid Canadian visa. Canadian citizens, including dual citizens, and Canadian permanent residents cannot apply for an eTA.

Note: The leniency period that allows travellers to board their flight without an eTA ends November 9. Find answers to questions about applying for an eTA during this period.

Entry requirements for other methods of travel (land, sea) have not changed.

Application status

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When you travel to Canada you will need to present the passport you used to apply for your eTA to the airline check-in staff. They will use your passport details to verify your eTA status in the Canada Border Services Agency (CBSA) database. An eTA is linked to your passport. It is not a physical document.

An eTA is valid for up to five years or until your passport expires, whichever comes first.

Visitors to Canada are responsible for the cost of any healthcare services they require. Before you come to Canada, you should get health insurance.
**EU ETIAS – simplified**

- **Public internet**
  - Travellers’ browser or mobile app
  - Payment processors
  - Carriers
  - Interpol (Stolen/Lost Docs)

- **EU Agency**
  - ETIAS Public services
    - Website
    - Carriers gateway
  - Search interface to other systems
  - ETIAS - central system
    - ETIAS IT application
      - DB
    - Traveller application processor
      - Screening rules
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- **EU ETIAS**
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Further references

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  http://ec.europa.eu/dgs/home-affairs/index_en.htm
- Operations of SIS II, VIS, Eurodac: eu-LISA:
  http://www.eulisa.europa.eu

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