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From:	General Secretariat of the Council
To:	Visa Working Party
Subject:	eu-LISA's preparatory work for the EU Visa Application Platform

Delegations will find attached the presentation made by eu-LISA at the Visa Working Party meeting on 6 May 2025 on the above-mentioned subject.

eu-LISA's preparatory work for the EU Visa Application Platform

Visa Working Party, 6 May 2025

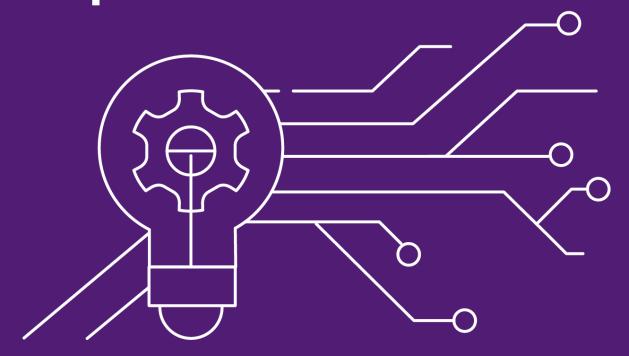


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- Recap: eu-LISA's responsibilities
- High level architecture of the EU-VAP
- Preparatory work for the implementation



1. Recap: eu-LISA's responsibilities



eu-LISA main responsibilities

Design and Development of the EU-VAP

- ✓ Public website & mobile app
- ✓ Secure Account Service
- ✓ Verification tool & web service
- ✓ External Service Provider Gateway
- ✓ Payment & appointment tool
- ✓ Chatbot



Operational management



Training



Functioning 24/7



Monitoring & reporting



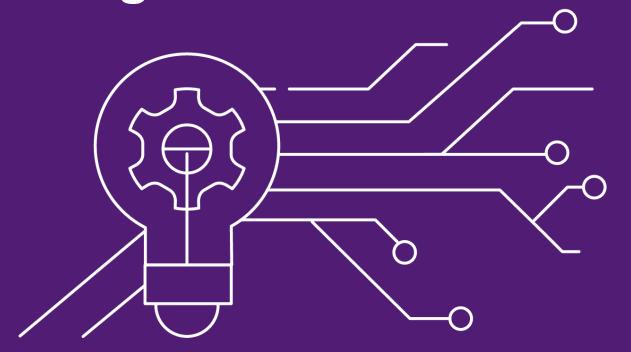




"The EU VAP shall share and re-use as much as technically possible the hardware and software components of the EES web service and the ETIAS website and the application for mobile devices."



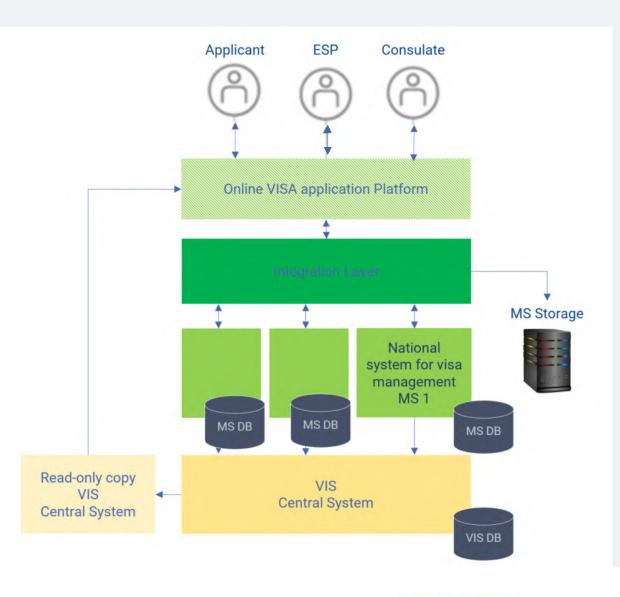
2. High level architecture



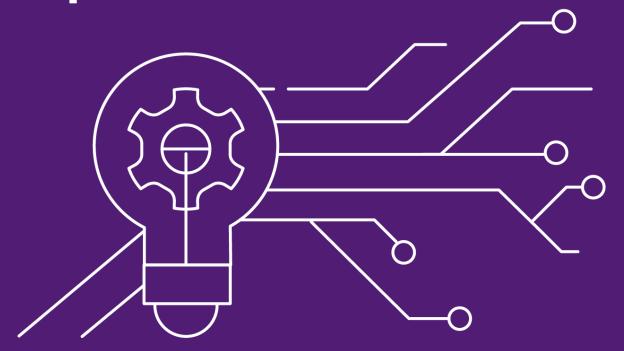
High level architecture of the new visa process with the EU VAP

With the new EU VAP, the "usual" high level workflow will be:

- (1) Submission of online application by the applicant
- (2) Pre-admissibility check by the EU VAP
- (3) Consulates and ESPs interact with the EU VAP platform via a standard web browser
- (4) Once the application is admissible, the data is pushed by the EU VAP to the MS storage and the National System has to import it in its own database using a dedicated interface exposed by the integration layer
- (5) After the application has been successfully received by the National System, it informs the EU VAP by using a dedicated operation of the integration layer
- (6) Application is deleted from the EU VAP temporary storage
- (7) The National System registers the visa application into the VIS as it is already done today
- (8) The decision and issuance process stays as-it-is
- (9) The applicant uses the EU VAP to check the status of an requested and issued visa



2. Preparatory work for the implementation



eu-LISA preparatory work and target implementation



Prototype developed 2021-2022



eu-LISA supports the European Commission in the Implementing Acts and Delegated act drafting process



eu-LISA recruitment ongoing and progressively until EiO.



Preliminary work on business design and project inception has started.



Governance of the EU VAP

• The **VIS Advisory Group** (already established) will provide the Management Board of eu-LISA with relevant technical expert advice on the EU-VAP

- Programme Management Board established during design and development phase of the EU VAP.
- Composition max **10 members**: 7 members appointed by eu-LISA's Management Board, VIS AG Chair, a member representing eu-LISA appointed by its Executive Director + 1 COM member.
- Meeting at least once very quarter + written monthly reports to eu-LISA MB
- First meeting scheduled in Autumn 2025.

Thank you!

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