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Delegations will find attached the presentation made by the Commission at the meeting of the Working Party on Frontiers of 15 May 2025 on the above-mentioned subject.



Digitalisation of travel documents and facilitation of travel: legislative proposal

Frontiers WP – 15 May 2025

Article 8 – development and operation of the app

- eu-LISA to develop, operate and maintain the app and collect statistics and training of national authorities
- Interoperability of the app with EUDI wallets
- Test of app before deployment
- Detailed rules on the test and statistics to be adopted in implementing acts

Article 9 - what do MSs have to do?

- Establish a technical connection to the Traveller Router
- Train staff that carry out checks based on data coming through the Router
- Flexibility in national setup

Article 10 – information campaign

- Similar to EES and ETIAS campaigns, to inform public and relevant stakeholders about DTCs

Article 11 – who pays for what

- MS to cover costs of the technical integration to the Traveller Router
- EU budget to cover eu-LISA's costs on the app

Article 14 – amendments to the eu-LISA Regulation

- Necessary amendments to the eu-LISA Regulation to include tasks related to the development, operational management, maintenance of the app and reporting
- Frontex empowered to attend eu-LISA MB meetings as observer

Article 15 – start of operations of the EU app

- eu-LISA carries out test together with MSs and informs COM of the successful completion
- COM to adopt an implementing act specifying the start of operations of the app
- By that date, MSs will need to be connected to the Traveller Router and be able start checks based on data received via the Router

Articles 16 and 17 – implementing acts and comitology

- Implementing acts in the committee procedure on:
 - Technical specifications for the components of the EU app;
 - Collection of statistics by eu-LISA;
 - Specifications for the test of the app before start of operations;
 - Determining the date of start of operations of the app;
 - Technical standard of the DTC based on passports (and identity cards)
 - Minimum standards for checking documents at borders

Article 18 – monitoring and evaluation

- eu-LISA responsible for the monitoring and development of the EU app
- COM to carry out overall evaluation of the EU app and its use 5 years after the start of operation

Article 19 – advisory group

- eu-LISA's Interoperability Advisory Group to support the Agency
- Regular meetings of AG and reports to the Programme Management Board

Article 20 – entry into force and application

- Regulation enters into force on the 20th day after publication, empowering eu-LISA to start the development of the EU app
- Drafting of implementing acts to begin
- 'May' clauses in the Schengen Borders Code to apply (as soon as DTC specification adopted)
- 12 months after the DTC specification has been adopted, MSs to start 'issuing' DTCs
- After the successful test of the app, and adoption of implementing act on the start of operations, all MSs to connect to the Router
- All travellers can use a DTC

Thank you



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