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From:	General Secretariat of the Council
To:	Working Party on Frontiers
Subject:	ITEM 2: Entry/Exit System Automated border control systems

Delegations will find attached the presentation made by the Commission at the meeting of the Working Party on Frontiers of 1 September 2025 on the above-mentioned subject.

Entry/Exit System

Automated border control systems

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1 September 2025, Frontiers WP

Outline

I. Legal updates

II. Steps for the Member States

III. Communication and guidance

IV. Automated border control systems and the Entry/Exit System

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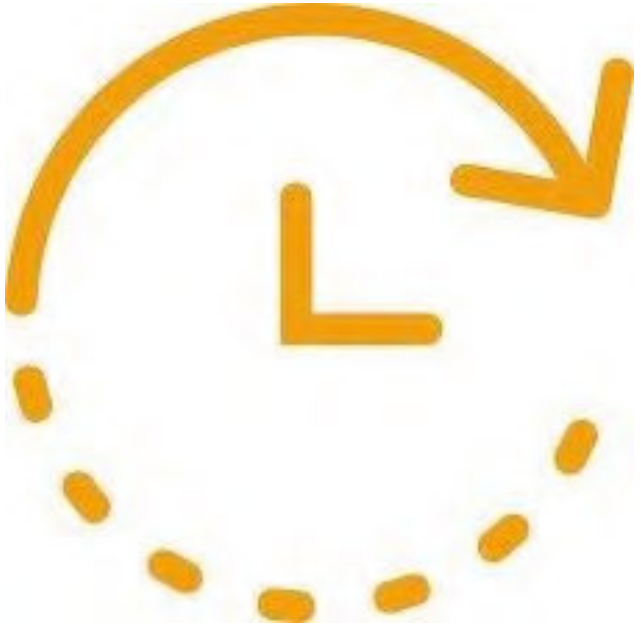
I. Status of the Regulation (EU) 2025/1534

- **Published** in the Official Journal on 23 July.
- **Entered into force** on **26 July**.



Decision for the start date

The Commission **Decision** setting the date of the EES start of operations was adopted on 30 July

This **decision** established **12 October 2025** as date of the start of operations of the EES.

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II. Ongoing steps towards the start of operations

- Member States to submit their roll-out plans by the latest 24 September (expected earlier!).

- Member States to refresh the **training** of **border guards** and other **national authorities**.

- Member States to finalise all the preparatory work in relation to BCP's **infrastructure** and **equipment**.

III. Communication and guidance

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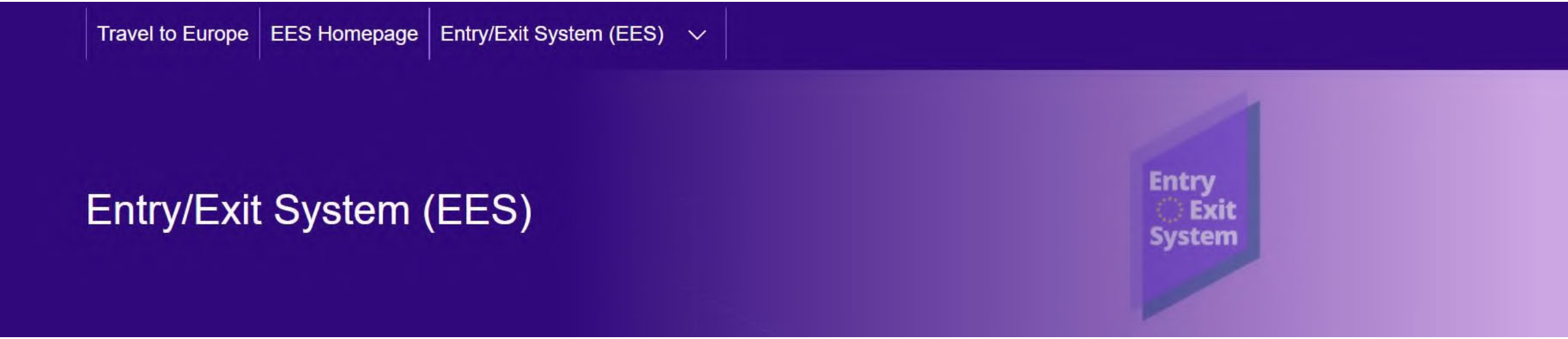
EES Website



The EES **permanent website** is adapted in view of the progressive start of operations and available in EN. The rest of language versions will follow in the upcoming days.

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EES Information campaign

Delivery of adapted information assets started last week.

The delivery is performed via an **online repository,** once information materials received from the contractor are uploaded.

Specific points of contacts in each Member States are informed.

New EES Card (practical guidance)

- **Legal basis:** Article 3 (6) of the Regulation (EU) 2025/1534
- **Aim:** to provide practical guidance on the relevant legal provisions, in particular Article 5 (*Derogations from the EES Regulation and the Schengen Borders Code*), Article 6 (*Access to the EES data*) and Article 7 (*Suspension of the EES*)
- **Structure:** largely the same as for the EES Handbook Cards
- **Next steps:** Member States' written comments and EDPS consultation (beginning of September), followed by a presentation at the Smart Borders Committee meeting

IV. Automated border control systems and the Entry/Exit System

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Optional use of automated border control systems (ABCs)

- **Legal basis: Article 8a and Article 8b** Schengen Borders Code amended by Regulation (EU) 2017/2225

- **Aim:** to further extend the use of automation to **TCNs subject to registration in the EES**
- ABCs can also be used to allow border crossings of Union Citizens, citizens of EEA and Switzerland and any TCNs not subject to registration in the EES

Pre-enrolling data in the EES

- **First time at the BCP (at entry or exit) since the EES started:**
- - use of self-service system ("sss")
- - use of the Travel To Europe mobile app (mobile "sss")

All data are recorded upon **verification by a border guard**!

Information is available on the EES website - EES - How will the EES work? What is new during the border checks?

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Infographic – first time entry

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Fully automated border crossings

- **Subsequent entry or exit at the BCP since the EES started :**
- - use of "sss" and e-gates
- - less time spent for the border check

Verification of biometric data (one or two identifiers)!

- Results of border checks are monitored by a border guard!

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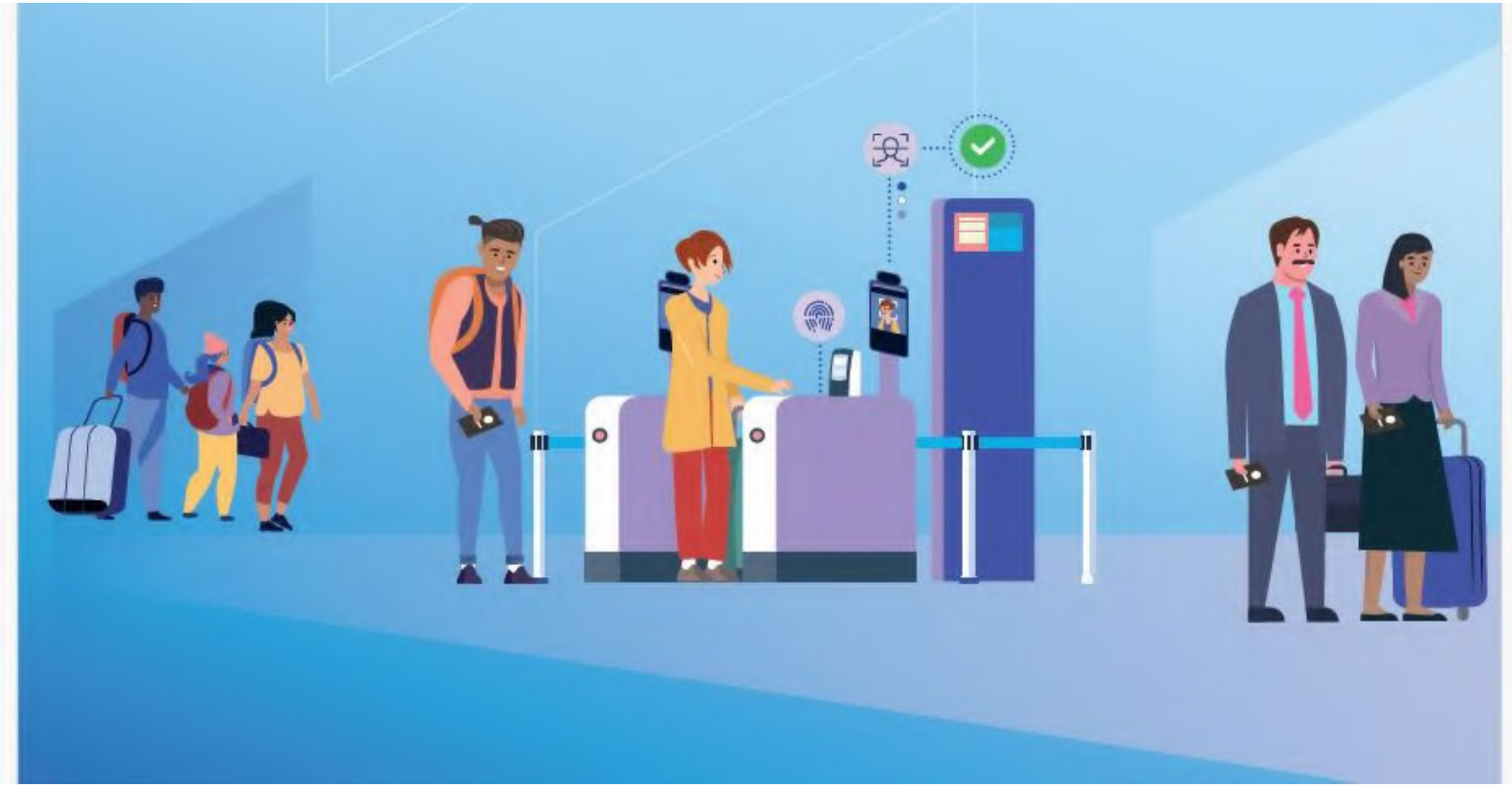
Fully automated border crossings ("sss" and e-gates)



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