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To:	Working Party on Frontiers
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Delegations will find attached the presentation made by eu-LISA at the meeting of the Working Party on Frontiers of 7 October 2025 on the above-mentioned subject.

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Future EU Digital Travel Application

Create and store the DTC

Based on existing standards (ICAO Doc 9303), the DTC is created for third country nationals and Union citizens, making it available for use with existing inspection systems and processes. The DTC is stored in the device of the traveller

Retrieve and use DTC

Data stored in the DTC can be shared with competent authorities or be used in ETIAS, VISA applications and carrier processes.

Verify the remaining days – redirect to the Webservice of Article 13 (EU) 2017/2226

Third Country Nationals verify the remaining authorised days for a short stay.

Allow access to ETIAS Mobile App

ETIAS travel authorisation is an entry requirement for visa-exempt nationals travelling to Europe.

Allow access to EU VAP Mobile app

Interface to allow the possibility to apply for a visa online

Submit travel data and pre-enrolment EES data via Traveller Router – reuse of Travel to Europe app

For faster border check, pre-register travel data and pre-enrolment EES data and facial image in the MS national systems for the EES before arriving at a border crossing point.

How the DTC is used during the traveller Journey?

Visa exempt national travelling from US to EU

Pre-Travel Preparation

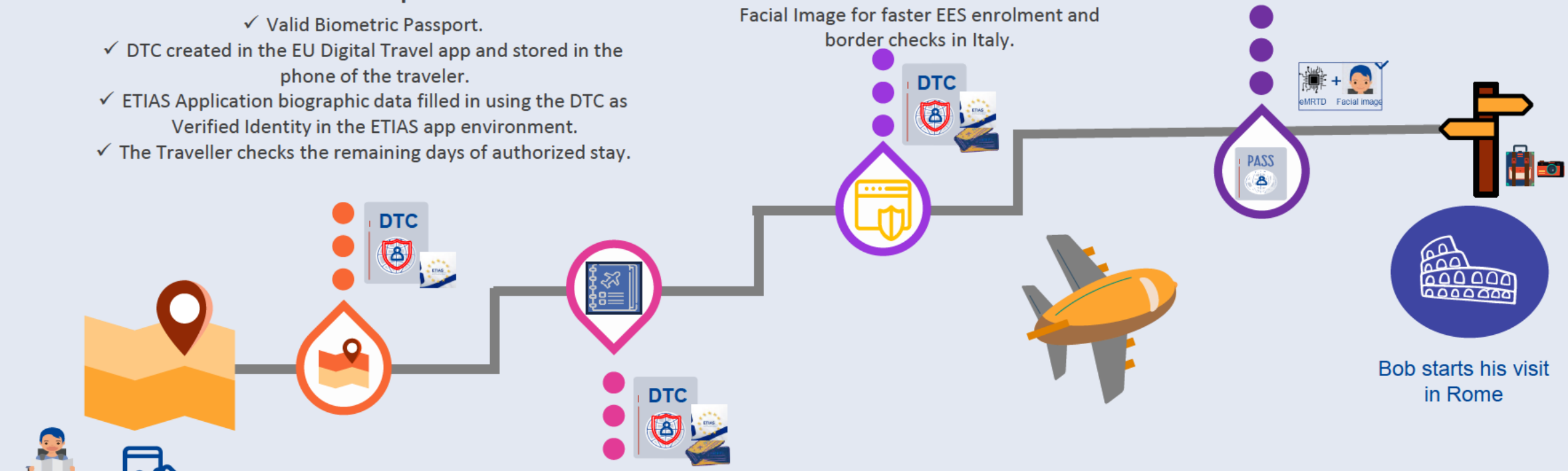
✓ Valid Biometric Passport.
✓ DTC created in the EU Digital Travel app and stored in the phone of the traveler.
✓ ETIAS Application biographic data filled in using the DTC as Verified Identity in the ETIAS app environment.
✓ The Traveller checks the remaining days of authorized stay.

Submit EES pre-enrolment data

Bob is using the EU Digital Travel application to transmit biographic data and Facial Image for faster EES enrolment and border checks in Italy.

EU entry Border checks

Faster border process because of the EES pre-enrolment of data and advance border check.



Bob is a Visa exempt traveller, wishing to visit Italy. Starting from New York to Rome.

Booking and online Check-in

The flight is booked and the online check-in is done using the airline application.
The DTC stored in the device has been used during this step to transmit the traveler data to the airline, which will later use them for Carrier Interface check for ETIAS, and for API-PNR pushes.

Bob starts his visit in Rome

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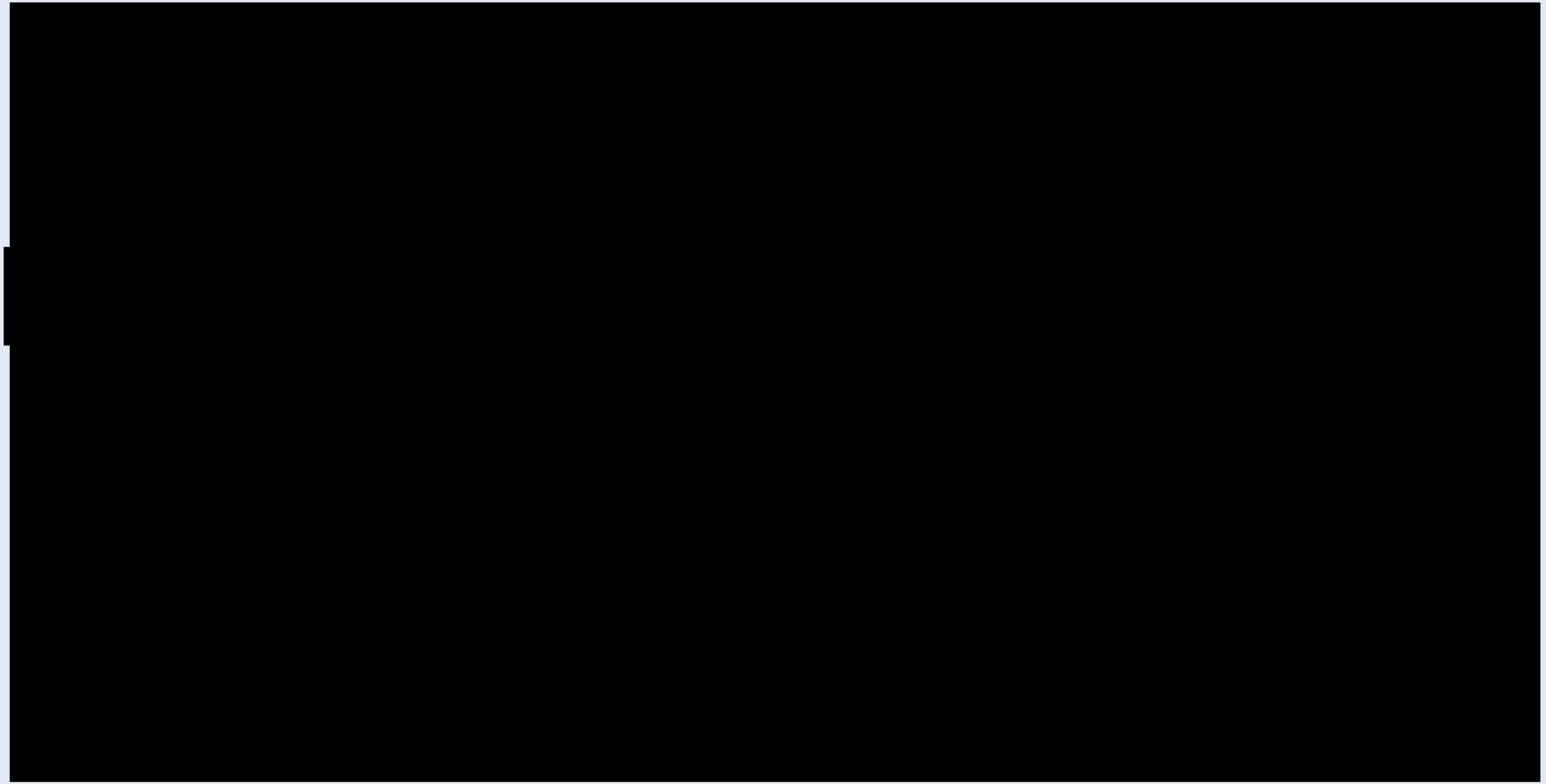
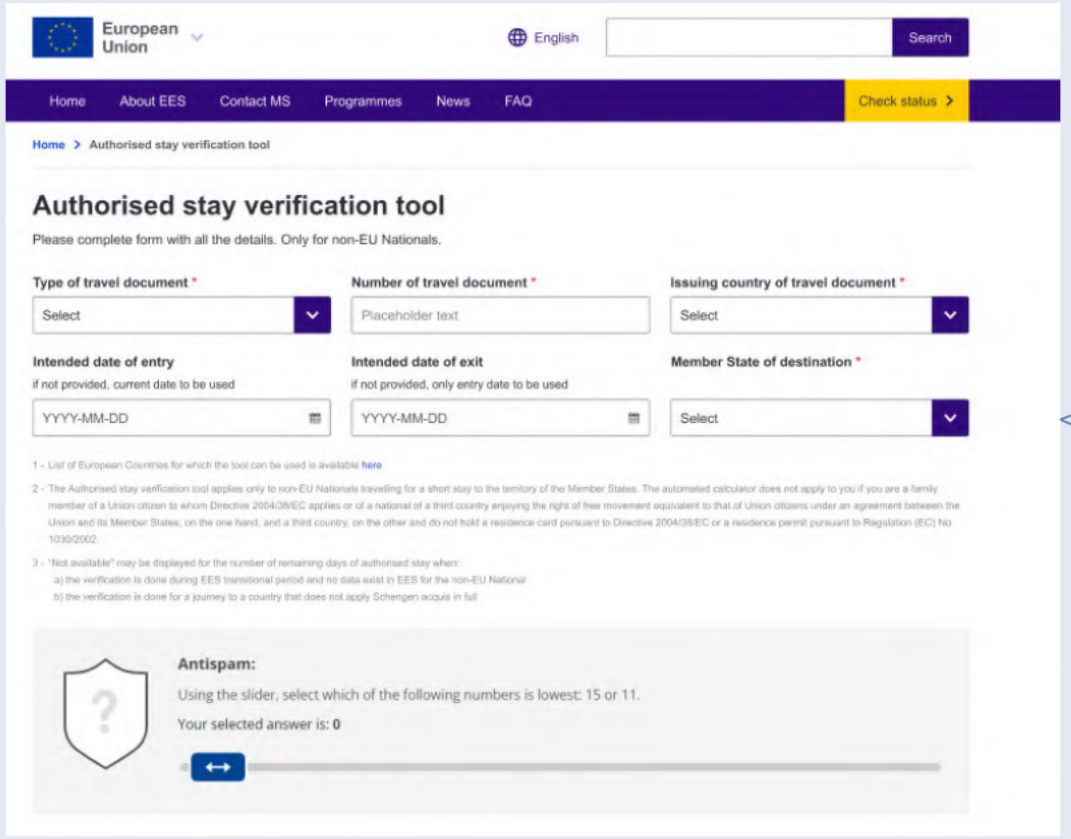
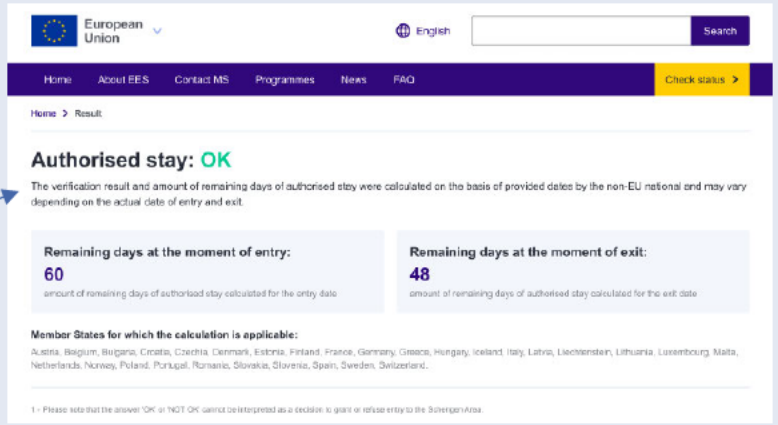
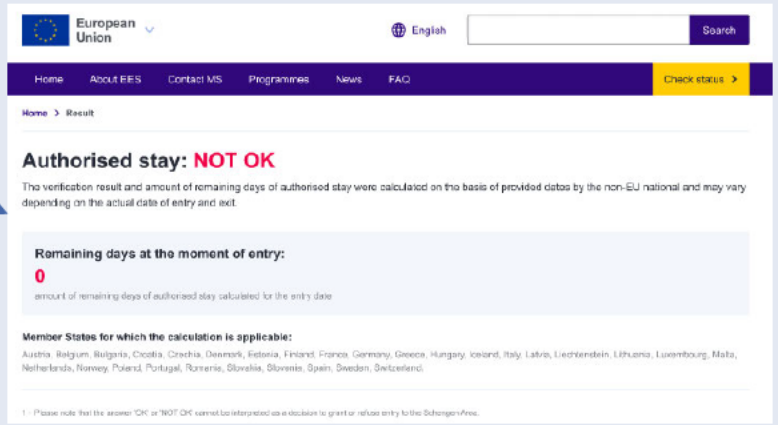


Webservices – Remaining Days of Authorised Stay Verification Tool

The status of the remaining authorised stay is taking into consideration the validity of the Visa or ETIAS TA in addition to the previous entries recorded in EES to provide the reply.



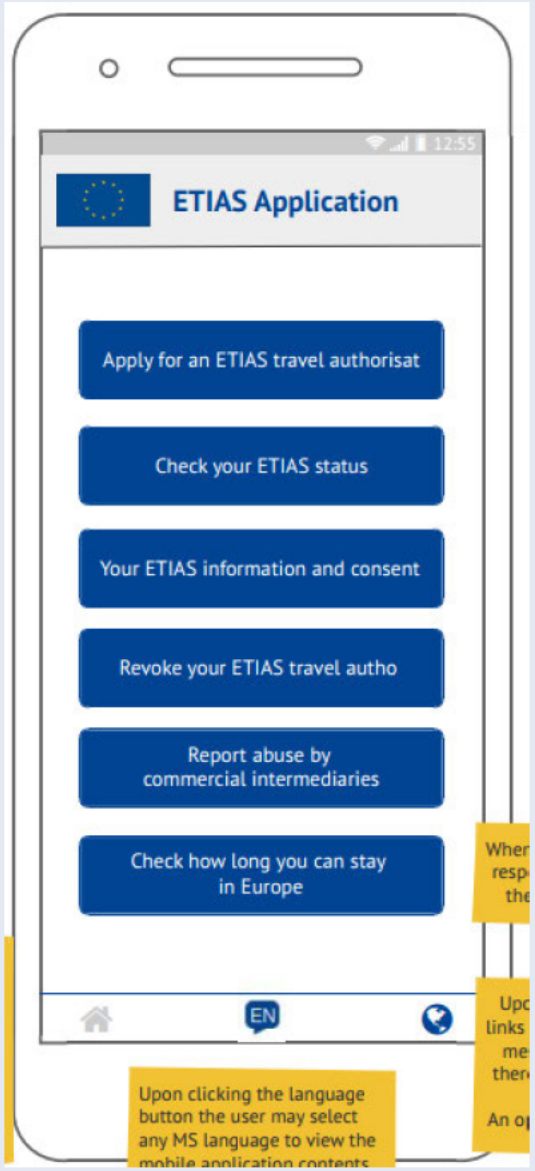




Submission of an ETIAS application via mobile app

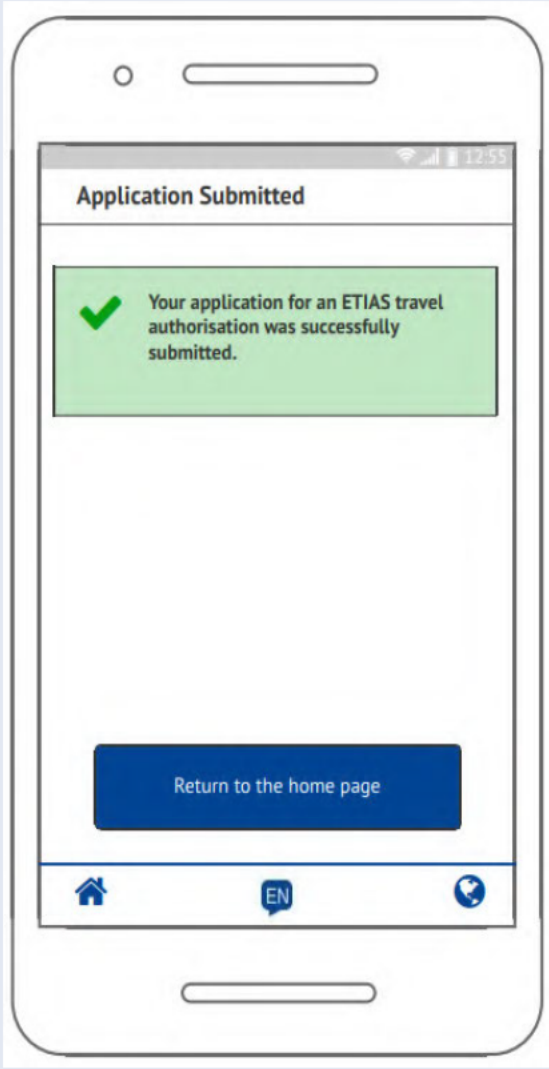
ETIAS Mobile app landing page

Actions in ETIAS Mobile app



Filling in of the application form

Successful submission



EU VAP mobile app – main points for consideration

EU VAP project is at a **preliminary** stage and the solution for the integration between DTA mobile component and EU VAP mobile app **cannot be fully assessed**.

Dependency on analysis on **Reusability**:
"*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*."
(Art. 2a(1) Reg. (EC) 767/2008 as amended by Reg. (EU) 2023/2667)

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