



Guide to EES



EU ENTRY/EXIT SYSTEM

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WHAT IS IT?

The EU Entry/Exit system is a new electronic system that will replace the physical stamping of passports at border control. It will register all entries and exits to and from participating European countries. This simply means it will register every time you cross a border in or out of the EU/Schengen area.

WHEN WILL IT BE INTRODUCED?

It will be introduced gradually from 12th October 2025 across a period of six months, to be completed by 9th April 2026. **As it is being introduced in phases, it won't operate at all borders from day one nor will it carry out all of the checks so you may or may not be asked to complete it.**



COUNTRIES INCLUDED

Austria	Denmark	Greece	Liechtenstein	Norway	Slovenia
Belgium	Estonia	Hungary	Lithuania	Poland	Spain
Bulgaria	Finland	Iceland	Luxembourg	Portugal	Sweden
Croatia	France	Italy	Malta	Romania	Switzerland
Czechia	Germany	Latvia	Netherlands	Slovakia	

HOW DO I COMPLETE EES?

Luckily, there is nothing you need to do in advance since the checks take place at border control. It may take each passenger a few extra minutes to complete. If you do get processed through EES, **border control will register your biometric details, such as fingerprints and a photo.** You could be asked questions about your visit to the EU on arrival, as well as a further biometric check on your departure.

As EES is being implemented through a phased rollout, this experience may vary during the first six months. **Travellers do not need to take any action prior to arriving at the border. There is no cost for EES registration.** Please allow extra time at the airport. If Blue Stamp Travel have booked your flights and provided an itinerary, we will allow for the extra time needed.

EXAMPLE QUESTIONS

- **What is the purpose of your stay?**
School Trip / Language Studies
- **Do you have proof of accommodation?**
If booked via Blue Stamp, confirmation will be in your Babel account
- **Do you have a return ticket?**
Yes
- **Do you have sufficient funds to support yourself during your stay?**
You may be asked to show a bank account with sufficient funds
- **Do you have medical insurance?**
It is not an EU requirement but it is strongly recommend. Please contact us for assistance if you require cover.

EES



Arrival*



Passport scan



Photo taken



Fingerprints scan



Questions



Border Control

*If you are travelling by train or ferry, you may complete EES before departure instead of on arrival

HOW DOES IT DIFFER FROM ETIAS?

EES is simply logging movement into and out of the EU. Whereas the ETIAS (European Travel Information and Authorisation System) is a new entry requirement for nationals of visa-free countries (including the UK) travelling to most European countries. **ETIAS valid for three years or until the passport used in the application expires**, whichever comes first. It needs to be applied for and approved pre-travel. **ETIAS has not yet been introduced, the EU is looking to introduce it towards the end of 2026.***

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