



EES and ETIAS State of Play



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European Travel Information and Authorisation System (ETIAS)





1. Purpose

- ETIAS is an automated IT-system for **prior** travel autorisation. It aims to:
 - Determine security, migration and high epidemic risks;
 - Pre-assess and inform travelers as regards to their admissibility to enter Europe;
 - Facilitate crossing borders for the vast majority of travellers; and
 - Reduce the number of refusals of entry at the border.



2. Scope

- Nationals of **visa-exempt** countries travelling to Europe for a short stay (90/180 days).
- 30 countries (27 Schengen countries + Bulgaria, Cyprus and Romania).



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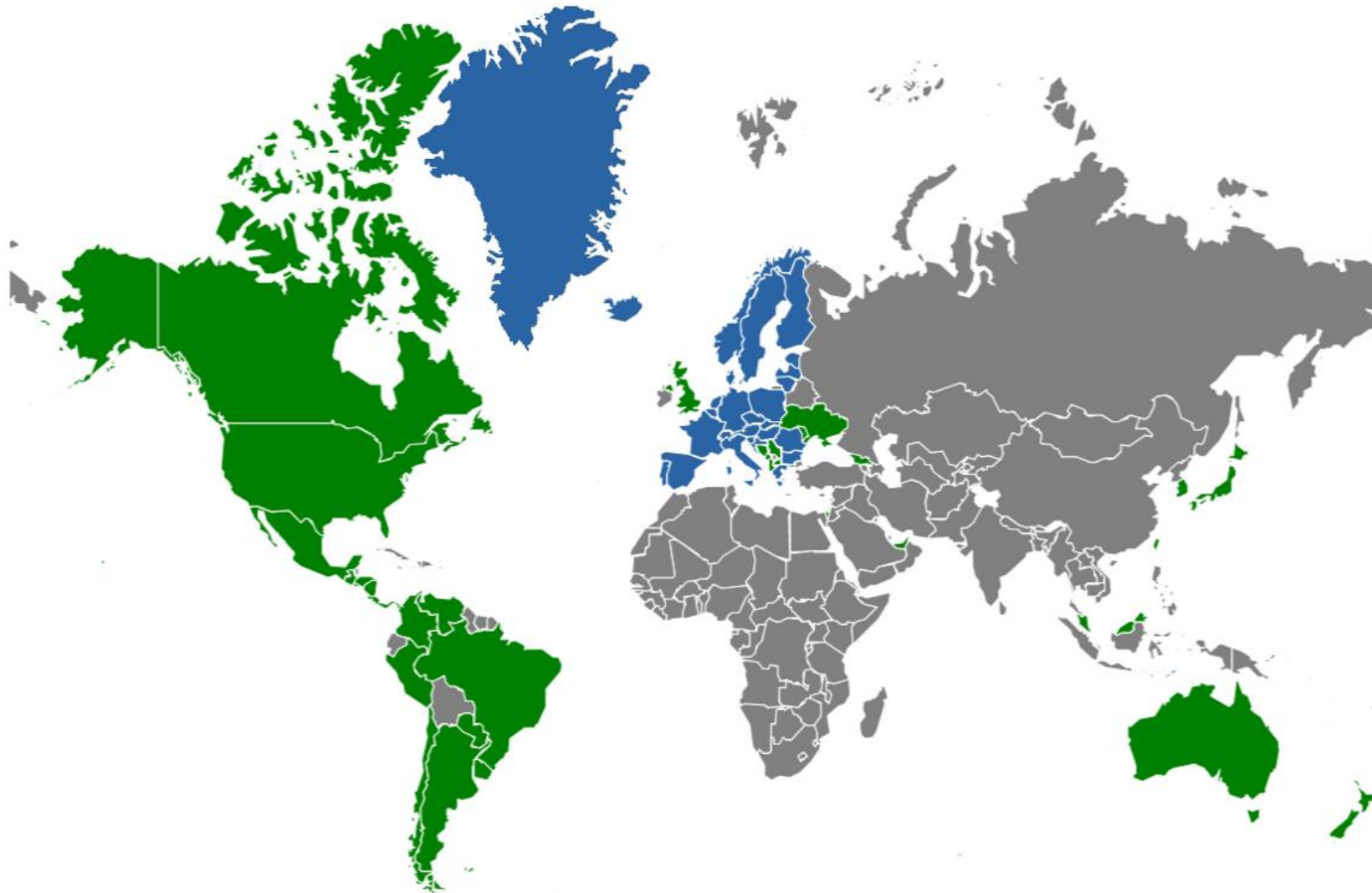


EUROPEAN COUNTRIES REQUIRING ETIAS

These 30 European countries require visa-exempt travellers to have an ETIAS travel authorisation:

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

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Blue: European countries where an ETIAS authorisation will be required from third country nationals

Green: Third countries whose citizens will need to be in possession of an ETIAS authorisation to travel to countries in blue.

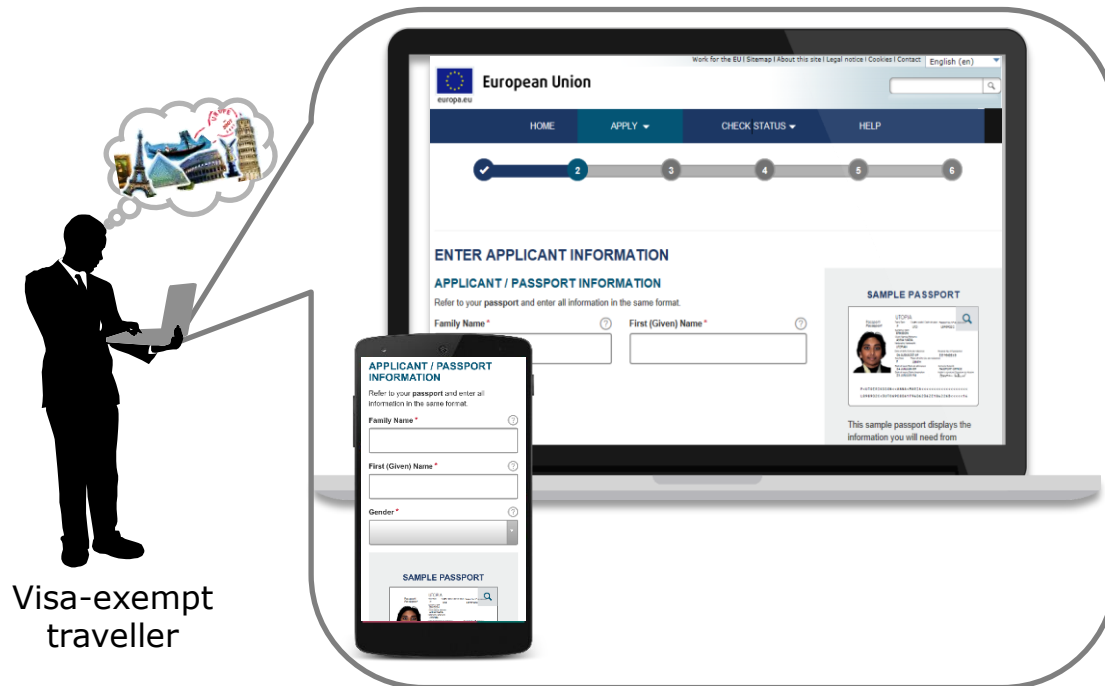
(the map does NOT take into account recent visa liberalisation agreements).



3. Planning

- Scheduled to start in spring 2025, a few months after the EES' entry into operation
- Transitional period:
 - At least 6 months following the date of entry into operation of ETIAS.
 - No obligation to be in possession of a valid ETIAS travel authorisation (it will be **optional**).
- Grace period:
 - At least 6 months following expiration of transitional period;
 - There will be an **obligation** to be in possession of a valid ETIAS travel authorisation;
 - Exception: if traveller is compliant with entry conditions in Schengen Borders Code + first crossing since end of transitional period.

4. Overview of the ETIAS application process (applicant's perspective)



Visa-exempt
traveller



Online form



Only **few minutes to fill-in**



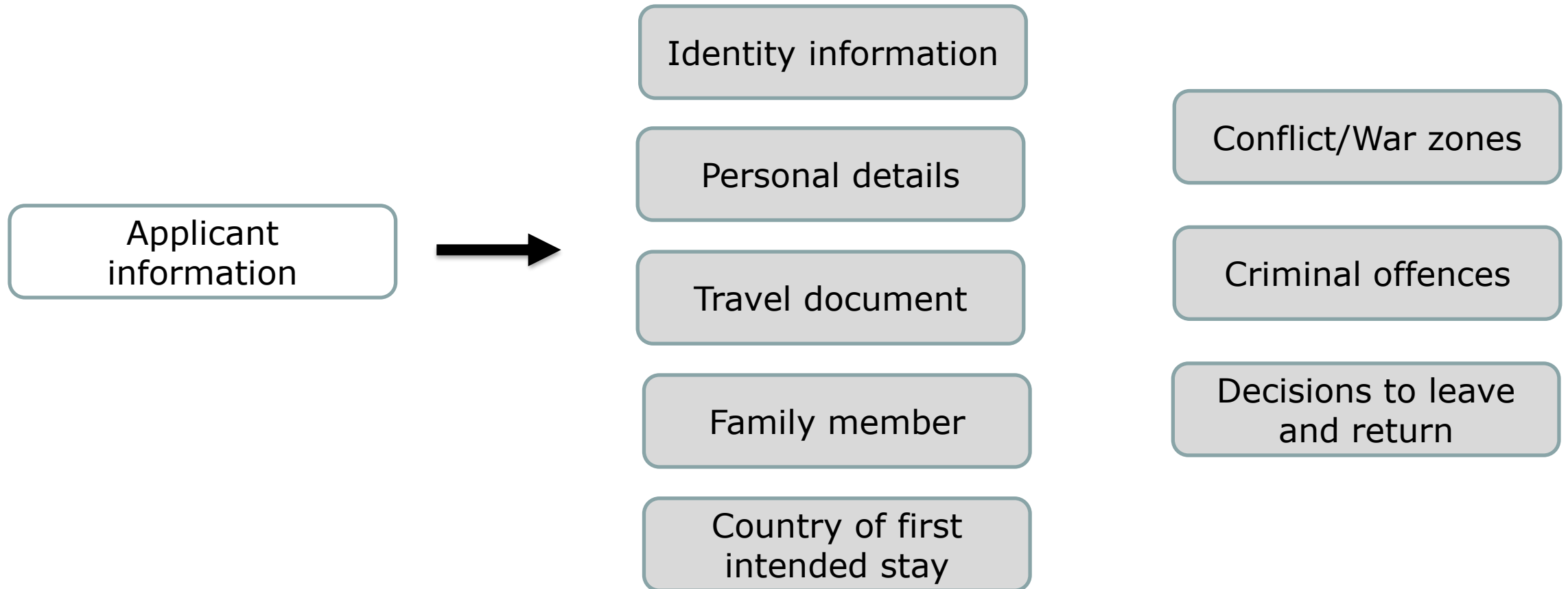
Applicants need their **passport** and **credit card**



7 Euro fee



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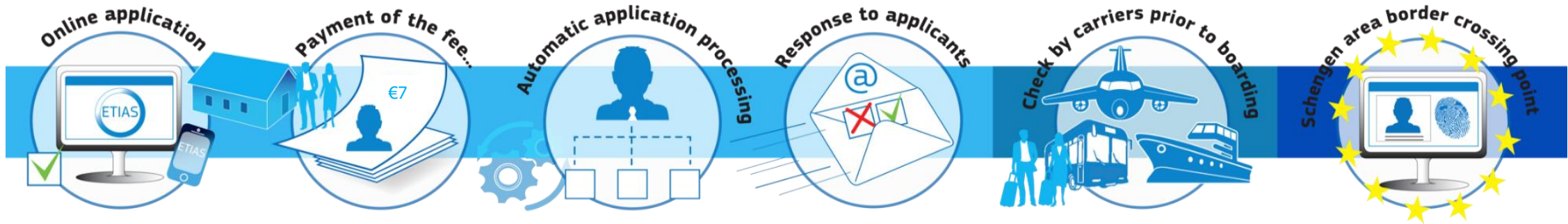




5. The cost and validity of ETIAS

- **Cost:**
 - EUR 7
 - a one-off fee
 - No cost if traveller is below 18 or above 70 at the time of application
- **Validity:**
 - three years or until the travel document used in the application expires - whichever comes first
 - multiple entries
 - must be valid during the entire duration of the stay

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6. Consultation and information

- Contacts with carriers started in 2020;
- Information sessions with embassies and diplomatic missions;
- On-going preparation the official EU global ETIAS communication campaign;
- Advisory Group on ETIAS Communication (AGEC);
- Start of the campaign: 6 months before entry into operation;
- focus on reaching travellers from 59 countries around the world in at least 19 languages;
- official website: https://travel-europe.europa.eu/etias_en



Entry/Exit System (EES)





1. Scope

- The EES will register entries and exits of all third-country nationals travelling for a short stay ("90/180 days" rule) to and from 29 countries using the system;
- Visa-exempt + visa-required travellers
- No registration of EU citizens and residence card/permit holders (more exceptions are foreseen in the legal base)
- Passport stamps replaced with electronic registrations;
- Refusals of entry are also recorded.



2. Purpose:

- Identify over-stayers;
- Improve external border controls;
- Combat/fight identity fraud;
- Reinforce internal security



3. Planning

- Entry into operations will take place in the second half of 2024.



4. Consultation and information

- Contacts with carriers started in 2020;
- Information sessions with Embassies and diplomatic missions started in September 2022 (organised by EEAS);
- Preparation of the official communication campaign is in the final stage;
- Start of the campaign: 3 months before the start of operations;
- Communication materials to be provided soon to Member States authorities and carriers;
- Official website: <https://travel-europe.europa.eu/ees>.

Thank you