

Mobility: Immigration alert

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European Union

Entry and Exit System (EES) launch date delayed until late 2023

Executive summary

The launch of the EU's Entry and Exit System (EES) was recently postponed until late 2023. The new technology platform, designed to more effectively regulate non-EU nationals' entry into and exit from the Schengen Area, was initially expected to go into effect in late 2022 and then delayed until May 2023.

Background

The EES is an automated IT system designed to mitigate irregular migration to the Schengen Area and expedite the entry and exit of bona fide non-EU nationals. Once the EES goes into effect, impacted travelers will be required to scan their passports at self-service kiosks each time they cross an external EU border. The EES will automatically record these travelers' names, biometric data, travel documents, dates and places of entry into and exit from the Schengen Area, as well as instances when they are denied entry to the Area.

Key developments

The EU authorities announced their [decision](#) to postpone the launch of the EES at its recent meeting in Tallinn.

At the time of publication, the European Travel Information and Authorization System (ETIAS) is still expected to be launched in November 2023. The ETIAS will apply to most non-EU, visa-exempt nationals and require them to complete an online registration form prior to travel.

Impact on employers

Companies in the EU may continue to monitor developments related to the EES so they can take necessary actions once it is implemented.

Key steps

EY will continue to monitor these developments. Should you have any questions, we encourage you to contact one of our immigration professionals.

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