



Start of operations of the Entry/Exit System

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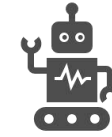
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Entry Exit System



What is the EES?



Automated IT system



Registers non-EU nationals



Applies to short-stay travellers crossing external borders



Includes visa and visa-free travellers



Records entry refusals

Benefits of the EES



Fighting identity fraud



Identification of over-stayers



Reinforced security



Reduced wait times



Simplified, automated border procedures



Real-time information sharing

How does the EES work?



Scan the QR code to learn more ►



When will the EES start operations?

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.

Status of the Regulation (EU) 2025/1534

Introduces a
progressive start
of operations of
the EES

Published in the
Official Journal on
23 July.

Entered into
force on 26 July.

What does the **progressive start** mean?

Over 180 days, Member States will progressively:



deploy the EES across their border crossing points (air, land, sea) in phases



introduce biometric functionalities across their border crossing points

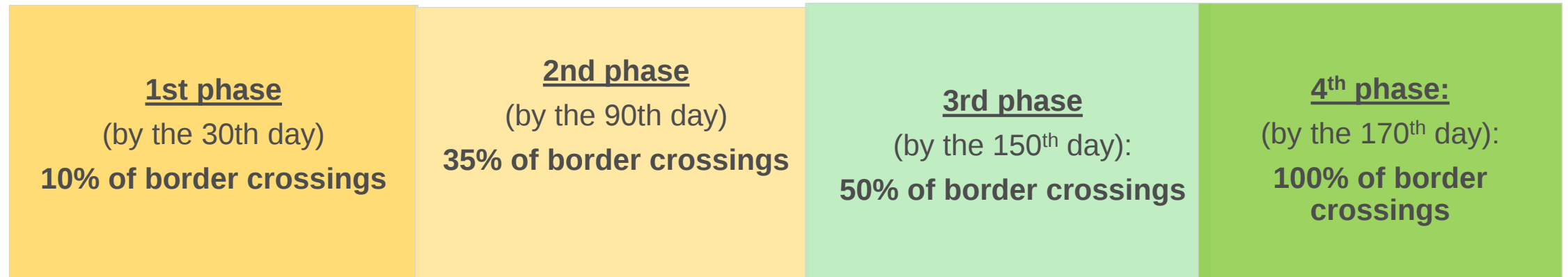


record all third-country nationals in the scope of the EES

Member States
can start
the EES fully
from day one

By the end of 180 days period, the EES shall be fully used in all border crossing points and all travellers shall be recorded

Progressivity speed



Border crossings are calculated for the preceding **two** years

Highlights in nutshell



Query of the Carrier Interface

Voluntary query of the carrier interface as of the third month after the beginning of the progressive start



Incomplete travel history

To be taken into account by all authorities



Systematic stamping of passports at all border crossing points

Stamps should prevail over the absence of the EES data

Carriers will have to keep verifying stamps for 180 days after the EES full start



Exceptional partial or full suspension

Possibility for Member States to suspend the EES in exceptional circumstances

Thank you!