

COMMUNIQUE - EU ENTRY/EXIT SYSTEM (EES)

The Ministry wishes to inform all Mauritian citizens travelling to countries in the Schengen area of a new Entry/Exit System (EES) at all entry points in the Schengen area with effect from **12 October 2025**. The EES has been devised as an interim border management system pending the European Travel Information and Authorisation System (ETIAS).

The EES is a new digital system designed to substitute the traditional manual stamping of passports for individuals who are non-EU/non-Schengen citizens. It will be introduced gradually at all border crossings in the EU as from **12 October 2025**, with full implementation expected by **10 April 2026**.

Upon initial entry, after the system becomes operational, passengers will be required to register information on their travel documents, as well as their facial image and fingerprints on the automated counter. For minors below 12 years of age, only a facial image will be registered.

Once all biometric details have been collected the passenger can thereafter exit EU airports through the automatic counters during subsequent visits. The information collected will remain valid for a period of 3 years.

This system is applicable to all non-EU nationals, regardless of whether they are visa-exempt or require a visa for short-term visits (up to 90 days within any 180-day timeframe). It does not pertain to EU citizens or nationals from Iceland, Liechtenstein, Norway, or Switzerland.

The EES applies to both ordinary and diplomatic passports.

In the eventuality of any change in passport within the period of 3 years, the traveller will have to re-register at the automatic counter to update his/her biometric data.

The registration on the new EES is done only at European airports. Therefore, passengers from Mauritius need not undergo any registration in Mauritius.

More information is available at <https://travel-europe.europa.eu/ees/what-is-the-ees##>

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