

# Carrier Registration Smart Borders Committee

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# Carrier Registration - reminder

- Since September 2021, air carriers, sea carriers and international carriers transporting groups overland by coach have been invited to register with the EU Agency eu-LISA (in line with the applicable Implementing Regulations for EES and ETIAS respectively).
- EU regulations: 2021/1217 (the “EES Regulation”) and 2021/1224 (the “ETIAS Regulation”) set out the necessity to query EES and ETIAS in order to receive details regarding the status of travellers arriving to the Schengen Area
  - The Entry/Exit System (EES) will replace the manual stamping of passports with an electronic record of entries and exits. **As of September 2022**, carriers will need to verify whether third-country nationals travelling to the EU on a short-stay, be it a single or double entry visa, have already used the number of entries authorised by their visa.
  - **From May 2023 onwards**, the European Travel Information and Authorisation System (ETIAS) will require carriers to verify, prior to boarding, that their visa-exempt passengers have a valid travel authorisation to enter the Schengen Area.
- Carrier Technical Guidelines (CTG) and Pre-defined Test Cases (TDD) are shared with all the registered carriers requesting to use System to System to get all the required information to launch the necessary development

# FAQs for Carriers in relation to Registration

Frontex and eu-LISA are collaborating in preparing the first draft of FAQs for the carriers. Questions related to registration will also be addressed, among others explaining:

- ✓ The carrier registration and relevant information on procedures is available through the eu-LISA website: <https://bit.ly/eu-LISA-Carriers>
- ✓ The Carrier's Single Point of Contact (Carrier's SPoC) is authorized to submit a properly filled in "Carrier Registration Form"
- ✓ All air, sea and international carriers transporting groups of passengers overland by coach across the external border of the Schengen Area are required to register, except for private ships/airplanes and carriers transporting passengers by train.
- ✓ Cargo Carriers transporting passengers into the Schengen area must check the Carrier Interface with regards to the passengers transported
- ✓ Carrier Service Providers, Carrier Network Providers or Carrier Ground Handlers are not registered, but the carriers need to inform eu-LISA of their Service Providers if they opt for a system to system connection.

# Carrier Registration

- Current status of registration process – Registered Carriers:
  - Air Industry - 303
  - Sea Industry - 35
  - Land Industry - 60

## Implementation Recommendations for Carriers using System to System to get ready for the Entry into Operation - reminder

- eu-LISA strongly advises all carriers to conclude their registration no later than the end of February 2022
  - in order to ensure that they will be able to consult EES after the launch of the system.
- After the end of February registration will still be possible, however:
  - eu-LISA will not be in the position to guarantee that all the necessary tasks in order for the carriers to achieve compliance with the EES Regulation would be accomplished prior the launch of the system.
  - Therefore, carriers might face potential negative effects on their normal operations.
- To get ready for the go Live, each carrier needs to execute all the Pre-defined Test Cases during the Compliance phase with a successful status before **the 31<sup>st</sup> of July**

# Implementation Recommendations for Carriers using Web Portal and Mobile App to get ready for the Entry into Operation

- eu-LISA strongly advises all carriers to conclude their registration no later than the **end of May 2022**
  - in order to ensure that they will be able to consult EES after the launch of the system.
- Registered carriers will receive, starting from March 2022, technical documentation related to the Web Portal and Mobile Application
  - Including mock-ups of the applications
  - A sub sequential version with real screenshot will be shared before the start of the training period
- To get ready for the go Live, each carrier needs to assure that authorised staff accessing the interface is properly trained
- The training is followed by a declaration of the carrier to eu-LISA
- The declaration serves as a confirmation of carrier readiness to go in production

# New Carrier Working Group Principles

- To increase the interaction with carriers during the implementation phase, the following measures have been taken:
  - ✓ All registered carriers together with their declared Service Providers (as per the registration process), as well as the Carriers Associations are invited to the Carrier Working Group. The list of attendees is updated before each Carrier Working Group Session
  - ✓ National Contact Points of the MS are invited to observe the proceedings of the Working Group.
  - ✓ The Carrier Working Group is split into 3 sessions, one per Business Area: Air, Sea and Land. The sessions are managed in one full day:
    - two sessions in the morning: for Sea and Land carriers
    - one session in the afternoon for Air carriers
  - ✓ A fixed Working Group calendar of meetings, through July has been shared with all the attendees
  - ✓ In addition to the formal Carrier WG, ad-hoc Technical Meetings are organized upon request
  - ✓ An additional one hour Informal Awareness Session is planned every two weeks, to answer questions only

# Carrier meetings Calendar





# THANK YOU!

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