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The rules for travelling to Europe ARE CHANGING AS OF 2024

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EES & ETIAS

Two new border management initiatives that will affect travel to Europe

Both systems aim to facilitate legitimate travel to the EU in a secure and safe way

Entry Exit System

Registers visa-free and visa-required travellers entering 29 European countries for a short stay

- Starts in Q4 **2024***
- Travellers' **biometrics** registered and verified
- **Replaces** physical stamps of passport
- **Automatically detects** overstayers
- Detects cases of multiple identities

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New entry requirement for visa-free travellers to enter the 27 Schengen countries, Bulgaria, Cyprus and Romania for a short stay

- Starts in Q2 **2025***
- ETIAS travel **authorisation** required to cross the border and stay
- **EUR 7** (age: 18-70)
- Valid for **3 years**
- **Transition** and **grace** periods

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NEW TRAVEL PROCESS TO EUROPE

PRE-DEPARTURE

01 Online ETIAS Application

Visa-free travellers apply **online** for an ETIAS travel authorisation (TA).

02 Payment

Payment of **€7** for applicants between the ages of 18 and 70.

Revenues from the fee go to the EU budget.

03 Processing

Automated check of application against databases & screening rules.

Further manual processing in case of confirmed hit.

04 Response to Applicants

Authorisation **or** refusal.

Communication via email.

Right to appeal.

Possibility of pre-registration for first time travellers

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05 Carriers

Air, land and sea carriers verify that travellers have a valid TA or short-term visa prior to boarding.

STAY

06 At the border

(First time registration)

Verification of travel document (**passport**) and **visa or ETIAS authorisation**.

Biometrics verification.

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Entry Exit System

- **No prior action required** from travellers before they start their trip
- **Registration** at **first** crossing. **Verification** at **all subsequent** crossings
- **Replaces manual stamping** of passports
- Collects travellers' **biometric and biographical data**, and **date and place of entry / exit**
- Automatically detects **multiple identities** across EU systems

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- ETIAS – a travel authorisation, **NOT a visa**
- Travellers must obtain their travel authorisation **before starting the trip**
- Valid **3 years or till passport expires**, whichever comes first. Status can be checked online.
- **No biometric or health data is** collected with ETIAS
- Support on how to apply via **FAQs and email**
- **No fallback option, i.e. no ETIAS means no entry**

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- Obligation for **commercial carriers and private jets** carrying fee-based pax
- Electronic verification through **carrier interface.** Carriers will need to register to use it
- Obligation for carriers to **verify within 48h prior to departure** that pax have a valid ETIAS or a visa
- Carriers may be **liable and subject to penalties** if failing to comply
- Response from the gateway: OK / NOT OK / NOT APPLICABLE (no further handling codes)
- **Support 24/7** for technical and operational issues (via online ticketing system)

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BEWARE OF UNOFFICIAL ETIAS WEBSITES

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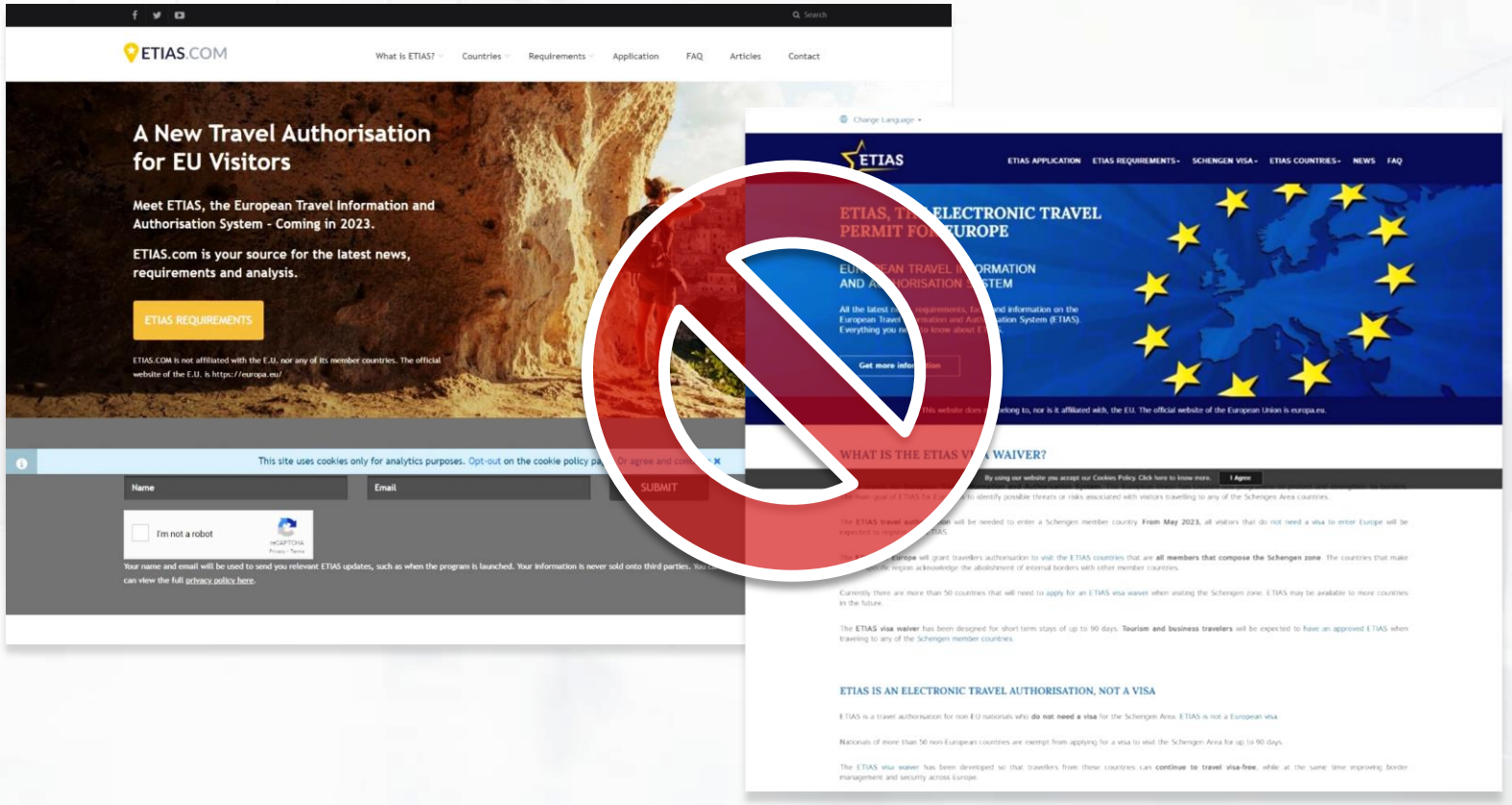
FAKE & UNOFFICIAL ETIAS WEBSITES ALREADY OPERATING

POTENTIAL ABUSE
CONTRIBUTE TO MISINFORMATION

There is only **one** official ETIAS website:

europa.eu/etias



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