

Carriers Working Group of 30 of September 2022

Summary

Subject: Monthly Carriers Working Group meeting

1st Session – Sea and Land Carriers at 10:00– 12:00 CET

Participants: Carriers for the sea and land industry, carrier associations, European Commission (DG HOME), Member State (MS) experts, Frontex and eu-LISA

<p>1. Introduction</p> <p>a. Agenda</p> <p>b. Carriers meeting calendar</p>	<p>The agenda of the 15th Carriers Working Group was presented to the participants.</p> <p>The WG took note of the Carriers meeting calendar with highlights of the dates of previous and upcoming meetings. The next Carriers Working Group meetings will take place on 27 October, 23 November and 14 December. <i>Ad hoc</i> meetings can be organised upon request.</p>
<p>2. Legal Updates (European Commission)</p>	<p>DG HOME made a presentation on “the variable geometry” in the EES / ETIAS Carrier Interface context. It was explained how carrier interface should be used depending on the MS of origin/destination of trips.</p> <p>Today 26 countries form part of the Schengen area: 22 EU Member States (all MS except BG, CY, HR, IE and RO) and 4 Associated Countries (CH, IS, LI, NO). The Schengen acquis does not apply fully to BG and RO, however, the EES regulation applies to them.</p> <p>It was also explained that ETIAS has a different scope. The ETIAS regulation applies to 30 countries and includes as well BG, CY, HR and RO (IE is excluded).</p>
<p>3. Technical Updates (eu-LISA)</p>	<p>Technical updates on registration and testing were provided to the Carriers WG by eu-LISA. The state-of-play of the registration process for sea and land carriers was presented. By now, 47 sea carriers and 94 land carriers have registered with eu-LISA. It was explained which type of connection(s) the carriers have requested: system to system connection (S2S), web portal and/or mobile application.</p>

	<p>Regarding the S2S connection, eu-LISA highlighted that a high number of carriers have not selected the type of message format yet, did not complete all the required forms or have not signed the Security Convention yet. Carriers were strongly encouraged to perform all the steps needed for proper registration and onboarding. It was also noted that a low number of Carriers (7% of carriers requesting the S2S connection) have connected to the simulator.</p> <p>Furthermore, eu-LISA provided a step-by-step explanation of the full onboarding process composed of steps such as registration, connectivity, pre-compliance, compliance and implementation readiness.</p> <p>It was clarified that the same carrier has the possibility to register to a S2S connection as well as the web portal and mobile application. Moreover, it was advised for carriers not to request the S2S connection at this point in time if their system is not developed yet.</p> <p>The status of the testing environment of the web portal was shared.</p>
<p>4. Operational Updates (Frontex)</p>	<p>Frontex informed the Carriers WG about the current state-of-play of the Frequently Asked Questions (FAQ) document. The FAQ is available on eu-LISA's website and an updated version will be available soon. The first version of the Standard Operations Procedures (SOP) document is currently being reviewed, and will also be available soon.</p> <p>It was highlighted that Frontex will continue to collect and analyse new questions from carriers to be included in the FAQ. Furthermore, the drafting of SOPs will also continue in cooperation with eu-LISA.</p> <p>Frontex invited members of the Carriers WG to participate in the conference to organised by Frontex on 18-19 October 2022 in Rotterdam that will focus on the topic "EES in the Maritime Domain".</p>
<p>5. eu-LISA Industry Roundtable – October 2022 (eu-LISA)</p>	<p>The Carriers WG took note of the agenda of the eu-LISA Industry Roundtable "EES, ETIAS and Carriers Getting Ready for the Entry into Operation" that will take place in Tallinn on 11-12 of October 2022. The WG was invited to register to the event either for participating in person or online.</p>
<p>6. Q&A</p>	<p>DG HOME gave an overview of a selection of recent frequently asked questions (FAQ) concerning the scope of ETIAS:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Irish citizens do not need to have neither a visa nor an ETIAS authorisation as IE is an EU Member State.

	<ul style="list-style-type: none">- EES is foreseen for registering entry and exit of TCNs which enter for short stays.- EU Member States' citizens will not be registered in EES and do not require an ETIAS authorisation. Citizens from EU Member States' territories do not require an ETIAS authorisation either, e.g. Aruba (NL) or the Faroe Islands (DK).- On the other hand, citizens from TCs which are VExempt e.g. the US and the UK as well as from their territories (e.g. Isle and Man or Jersey) will need an ETIAS authorisation.- Citizens from e.g. Sudan and Sri Lanka will require a visa. They are listed in the Annexes. <p>A question regarding the keeping of logs was clarified. Carriers will need to keep the logs on the persons accessing the Carrier Interface, and eu-LISA will need to keep the logs on the queries performed.</p> <p>Sea industry specific scenarios and frequently asked questions, present in the respective document at the eu-LISA website, were explained.</p>
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2nd Session – Air Carriers at 14:00–16:00 CET

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<p>3. Technical Updates (eu-LISA)</p>	<p>Technical updates on registration and testing were provided to the Carriers WG by eu-LISA. The state-of-play of the registration process for air carriers was presented. It was explained which type of connection(s) the carriers have requested: system to system connection (S2S), web portal and/or mobile application.</p> <p>Regarding the S2S connection, eu-LISA highlighted that a high number of carriers have not selected the type of message format yet, did not complete all the required forms or have not signed the Security Convention yet. Carriers were strongly encouraged to perform all the steps needed for proper registration and onboarding. It was also noted that a low number of Carriers (7% of carriers requesting the S2S connection) have connected to the simulator.</p> <p>Furthermore, eu-LISA provided a step-by-step explanation of the full onboarding process composed of steps such as registration, connectivity, pre-compliance, compliance and implementation readiness.</p>

	<p>The use case of the registration of a local DCS was presented, addressing a relevant question received from one of the airlines. The company is concerned that their agents won't be able to know about a refused travel authorisation if the local DCS isn't registered. As a solution, it was clarified that they might confirm with the agency or the DCS owner if said DCS is already implemented and if so, then declare it in the specific form. If it isn't implemented, the airline can request the local DCS to receive the travel document details for the passengers concerned by EES and ETIAS; then the airline can verify the status of concerned travellers (via the existing channels with the Carrier Interface) and get back to the local DCS with the passenger status. Alternatively, they may declare the local DCS as a new system to be implemented.</p>
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<p>6. Q&A</p>	<p>Carriers were informed that the topic of the progressive entry-into-operation of the EES is being analysed by Member States.</p> <p>Carriers were reminded to register all the DCS they plan to use in the specific forms.</p>