

# Testing the borders of the future

Help make border checks **quicker** and **easier**  
by participating in the **Smart Borders Pilot**

○ Open to non-European Union citizens

- Your participation is voluntary
- This Pilot is fully compliant with all national data protection guidelines
- Personal data will only be used for the purpose of testing and will be deleted immediately afterwards\*

**Thank you!**

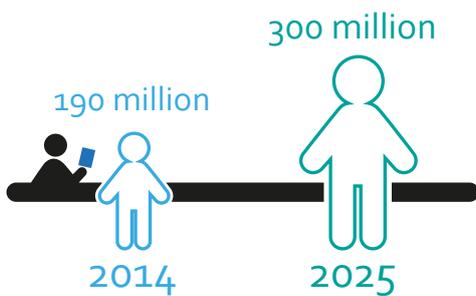
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# Smart Borders Pilot – your help needed!

Border checks can be time-consuming, especially for travellers crossing EU borders on a regular basis such as tourists, business people, workers on short-term contracts, researchers, students or people from the regions bordering the EU.

It is expected that by 2025 the number of travellers from non-European Union (EU) countries crossing the external borders of the Schengen Area<sup>1</sup> will have almost doubled – to some 300 million crossings per year – compared to today. This increase may result in longer waiting times for travellers at borders.



In response to this rise, the European Commission proposes to establish 'smart borders', the next generation of border checks, by 2020. The aim is to modernise, speed up and improve the management of the external borders of Schengen countries, while at the same time increasing the effectiveness of border controls and preventing illegal immigration.

The main benefits for travellers crossing borders include:

- faster border crossings through the introduction of efficient automated methods to identify travellers and carry out checks (for example: based on fingerprints, facial and/or iris images);
- improved information on the authorised length of stay for travellers entering the EU;
- increased convenience through the introduction of self-service booths and automated border crossing gates.

To prepare for the roll-out of these new systems, a series of technical tests are being carried out at 17 different border crossing points in 12 European countries starting from March 2015.

**This pilot project** is being organised by the eu-LISA Agency, in close collaboration with the EU Member States and in full respect of data protection guidelines.



## Interested in taking part?

All non-EU citizens are welcome to participate (please note that at some border crossing points participants must be over 18 years old). Depending on the test location, participants may need to sign a written agreement. Participants will also be invited to provide feedback after crossing the border.

The process is simple and does not take much time.

Thank you in advance for your help!

*Please see local border staff to find out more, or visit the eu-LISA website*  
[www.eulisa.europa.eu](http://www.eulisa.europa.eu)



<sup>1</sup> The Schengen Area comprises 26 European countries that have abolished passport and any other type of border checks at their common borders, also referred to as internal borders.

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