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From: Presidency
To: Working Party on JHA Information Exchange (IXIM)
Subject: The Entry/Exit System at the external borders

The entry into operation of the Entry/Exit System (EES) on 12 October 2025, with the progressive start foreseen in Regulation (EU) 2025/1534, will be an important milestone in the interoperability architecture of the Schengen area. The implementation of the EES will have a significant impact on border control procedures, data exchange and it will require important efforts in terms of practical implementation.

The EES will have significant consequences for the affected third country nationals and relevant stakeholders. It will modernize border management across the European countries using the system. Such modernization naturally changes current processes and cooperations. Preparations for the EES go live have therefore been done and are being done from many different perspectives.

Considering their respective mandates, both the Working Party on Frontiers and on JHA Information Exchange (IXIM) have an interest in addressing the operational, technical and practical aspects of this development.

The Presidency has therefore planned discussions in both groups to ensure a coordinated understanding and approach, in the immediate run-up to the go-live.

On 7 October 2025, the Frontiers Working Party will discuss the ongoing preparations for the entry into operation. These discussions will focus on border control issues.

To complement the discussion in Frontiers, the Presidency considers it highly relevant to also discuss the impact on e.g. business continuity plans, information campaigns, and relations with relevant stakeholders such as carriers or airport operators, in IXIM.

The go live and operation of the EES require for example significant preparations regarding contingency for different sorts of situations. This is to make sure member states are resilient in case of unforeseen challenges.

Preparational efforts in relation to communication are also significant because of the need to make sure different communities feel well-aware and prepared before the go live.

Therefore, for IXIM, the Presidency wants to focus on the following preparational efforts:

- Creation and test of security plans and business continuity and disaster recovery plans;
- Carrying out of information campaigns towards both third country nationals as well as the public based on the material from the Commission;
- Engaging with relevant stakeholders, carriers and others about the EES go live.

Against this background, the Presidency would like to invite delegations to reflect on the following questions at the 29 September IXIM meeting:

1. Is all relevant national planning and organization for entry into operation on 12 October 2025 in place (Including Business Continuity Plans tested with success and an operational set-up for the transition) or are there any outstanding issues?
 2. Which kinds of information campaigns have Member States planned and/or are carrying out towards travelers. Member States are invited to share experiences and lessons learnt.
 3. Which initiatives have Member States taken to reach out to relevant stakeholders (carriers, airports and other border crossing point operators, tourist industry or other). Member States are invited to share experiences and lessons learnt.
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