

SIL Issue 02/2026 EU Entry/Exit system (EES)

Applicable to all flights departing from Non-EU countries to Schengen Area

Dear partners,

According to Regulation (EU) 2017/2226, the European Union has established an Entry/Exit system (EES) to register entry and exit data, as well as refusal of entry data of third-country nationals (non-EU nationals) travelling to Schengen Area. Therefore, the EES replaces passport stamping with an electronic system that tracks entries and exits.

The EES applies to all third-country nationals who are either visa - exempt or require a visa and who stay in the Schengen area for a short period of time (maximum 90 days within a 180-day period).

As of 2 March, airBaltic introduces a DCS interface for passenger handling agents to check whether a passenger holding a short stay visa (type C) for one or two entries has already used their permitted entries.

Please note that manual checks are required regardless of the EES response until 6 October.

Detailed training material for Amadeus Altea stations regarding the DCS responses and the applicable workaround has been published on groundops.airbaltic.com website.

