TUI Airline Ground Operations
Information Notice

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Dear partner,

Starting **12 October 2025**, the European Union will begin the phased rollout of the Entry/Exit System (EES) across external Schengen borders. This system replaces manual passport stamping with a digital registry for non-EU nationals entering or exiting the Schengen Area for short stays. There will be a progressive deployment over six months across all participating countries and full implementation is expected by April 2026.

Key changes are:
1. First-time travellers will be required to provide a biometric registration:
    - **Visa-exempt travellers:** Facial image + 4 fingerprints on first entry.
    - **Visa holders:** Only facial image (fingerprints already collected during visa application).
    - **Children under 12:** Exempt from fingerprinting but still registered.

2. Manual passport stamps will be gradually discontinued over the course of the six months, country dependent. Eventually all entries and exits will be recorded electronically in the EES database.

3. All third-country nationals visiting for up to 90 days in a 180-day period are affected, including citizens of countries like the UK, US, Canada, etc. Exemptions are: Irish citizens, EU residence permit holders and long-stay visa holders.

On the next page you will find an overview of the new Border Check Process.

Feel free to reach out via gopsprojects@tuifly.com in case of any questions on the above.
Kind regards,

TUI Airline Ground Operations

Any questions please contact gomsupport@tuifly.com

The EES...

Entry/Exit System (EES)
Border Check Process

...provides for

- automatic registration of non-EU nationals each time they cross a Schengen external border
- gradual reduction in waiting times at passport control
- simplification and automation of border procedures

...applies* to

- non-EU nationals travelling for a short stay of up to 90 days within a 180-day period
  ➜ visa-required travellers
  ➜ visa-exempt travellers

* Some exceptions apply.

...collects** your

- full name, date of birth, nationalities, sex
- travel document
- facial image and/or fingerprints

...records** the

- date and place of entry into and exit from a European country using the EES
- refusals of entry, if this is the case

** Data collection and recording will be gradually introduced at border crossing points from 12 October 2025, with full implementation by 10 April 2026.

Entry Exit System

1 The traveller must present their travel documents to the border guard and...

2 ... also provide their biometric data (facial image and fingerprints) which is registered in the EES

3 The border guard checks the traveller's information, asks questions, and digitally records the entry in the EES

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4 The traveller benefits from a smoother and more efficient border crossing process

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