

PORTUGAL TAKES A DIGITAL LEAP IN BORDER SECURITY



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From October 12, 2025, Portugal enters a new era of border control with the implementation of the Entry/Exit System (EES) – the European system that will replace manual stamps on passports with electronic records and biometric data.

With the EES, non-EU citizens travelling to the Schengen Area will have to provide fingerprints and a photo on their first entry, creating a secure and automated digital record. In subsequent entries, the process will be faster, more efficient and paperless.

The system will automatically detect irregular stays, strengthen internal security and improve the management of migratory flows, integrating Portugal into a fully digital and interoperable European system.

Implementation will be phased throughout the European Union, starting in Portugal on October 12, 2025 and expected to be fully operational by April 10, 2026. The aim is to make border checks faster, safer and more integrated across the Schengen area.