



AD HOC QUERY ON 2020.79 Implementation of Regulation 2018/1240 (ETIAS)

Requested by EMN NCP Cyprus on 20 December 2020

Responses from Austria, Belgium, Croatia, Cyprus, Czech Republic, Estonia, France, Germany, Hungary, Ireland, Italy, Latvia, Lithuania, Luxembourg, Malta, Netherlands, Poland, Portugal, Slovakia, Slovenia, Spain, Sweden (22 in Total)

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1. Background information

In regards to the implementation of the Regulation (EU) 2018/1240 of the European Parliament and of the Council of 12 September 2018 establishing a European Travel Information and Authorisation System (ETIAS), the Republic of Cyprus would appreciate the other Member States input of the following questions:

2. Questions

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1. At what stage is currently your Member State in regards to establishing a National ETIAS (European Travel Information and Authorisation System) Unit and the connection to the National Uniform Interfaces (NUI)?


2. How does your Member State plan to establish the National ETIAS (European Travel Information and Authorisation System) Unit and the connection to the National Uniform Interfaces (NUI) (e.g. in-house development, private contractors)? Has your Member State assigned or plans to assign, through a tendering procedure, to a private contractor/s (i.e. private consultants, IT companies, etc) any parts of the activities necessary to fulfill its responsibilities for this matter?

3. If yes to Q2, which parts have been/ will be assigned?

We would very much appreciate your responses by **5 February 2021**.

3. Responses

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	EMN NCP Austria	No	This EMN NCP has provided a response to the requesting EMN NCP. However, they have requested that it is not disseminated further.

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


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	<p>EMN NCP Belgium</p>	<p>Yes</p>	<p>1. Belgium started the process of drafting a law establishing the Belgian ETIAS national unit, its modalities, structure, organisation etc. Consultations with partners started. The objective is to start the legislative process in the second quarter of 2021. Business and functional analyses linked to the needs of the ETIAS national unit (ENU) have been carried out. At the time of writing of this reply in January 2021, the connection to the NUI has not yet started. The NUI for ETIAS will be the same as the one used in the context of EES. Some adaptations are needed, but the Members states are still waiting for technical information on those adaptations from eu-LISA. The human resources planning for the adaptation and connection to the ETIAS NUI has already been discussed. The preparation phase is thus launched. Technical developments are foreseen to start in May 2021.</p> <p>2. The application needed to support the ENU in the achievement of its missions will be developed by a private contractor through a tendering procedure. The market research has been launched and the tendering should follow in February 2021. As for the connection to the NUI and the development linked to it, it will be executed by consultants recruited for the EES project inside the ICT Directorate. Their mission should be extended to the ETIAS project. Article 55.5 of the ETIAS Regulation requires the ENU to erase all files of applicants that leave the ETIAS scope. A specific analysis of this matter, foreseen in 2021, will lead to developments of the national systems. Decisions have not yet been taken as to how Belgium will execute those developments.</p> <p>3. The application foreseen for the use of the ETIAS national unit which will be the object of a tendering procedure covers different tasks: the consultation of the ETIAS central system in the context of Article 52 of the ETIAS Regulation (CAP – access for law enforcement purposes); the introduction and management of the ETIAS watch list; authority management; code tables management; reporting in the context of the functionalities previously mentioned.</p>
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	<p>EMN NCP Croatia</p>	<p>Yes</p>	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. The Ministry of the Interior, Border Police Directorate has been appointed as the authority in which the ETIAS NU will be established. The ETIAS NU will be part of the National Coordination Centre established within the Border Police Directorate. Furthermore, 10 officers in total were envisaged to work in the ETIAS NU itself. ETIAS NU will work 24/7. A draft document has been prepared which defining the establishment of the ETIAS system in the Republic of Croatia with the envisaged tasks that must be carried out in the forthcoming period. 2. The connection of the National ETIAS Unit and the NUI will be subject to public procurement. 3. All activities mentioned in the ETIAS ICD will be subject to public procurement.
	<p>EMN NCP Cyprus</p>	<p>Yes</p>	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Cyprus has concluded the legal framework for the establishment of the NUI and exploring the best way to implement it/ create NUI. 2. Cyprus still considers which option would be the best (in-house vs outsourcing), in order to implement the regulation. 3. N/A
	<p>EMN NCP Czech Republic</p>	<p>Yes</p>	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. National ETIAS (European Travel Information and Authorisation System) Unit is a component of the National project ETIAS, which covers all elements like legislation, CfT, development, testing, national plan for training activities, resources (budgetary and personal). The legislative amendments are discussed by the Czech Parliament, budgetary resources are fully covered, plan for personal recruitment is ongoing. Public procurement is completed. The whole national project is under development in line with national and EU planning. The framework contract procurement is in its final stage. The ETIAS national unit will be part of the Foreign Police directorate. More details are subject of eu-LISA monitoring outcomes.



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			<p>NUI interconnection and connection to national systems is under development in cooperation with eu-LISA agency.</p> <p>2. ETIAS national unit will be part of the Foreign Police directorate. The ETIAS national system (including ENU) will be developed by a contractor selected in public procurement. The ETIAS national unit will be part of the Foreign Police directorate. NUI interconnection and connection to national systems is under development in cooperation with eu-LISA agency.</p> <p>3. The ETIAS national unit will be part of the Foreign Police directorate. The ETIAS national system (including ENU) will be developed by contractor selected in public procurement. The framework contract procurement is in its final stage.</p>
	EMN NCP Estonia	Yes	<p>1. As of January 2021, the coordinator of a national ETIAS unit started to work in the Police and Border Guard Board (the PBGB), Border guard department. In first quarter of 2021 two additional working places will be established, thus in total the national unit will consists of three members. In 2020, the PBGB carried out an analysis of development needs of the national ETIAS system, also a time-frame was established. In 2021 there are plans to start with more detailed developments, as the ETIAS watchlist and the CAP.</p> <p>2. The necessary connection work for the NUI was mainly done within the EES (Entry/Exit System) project, which now will be just amended accordingly to the eu-LISA instructions. In Estonia the Information Technology and Development Center (SMIT), who is under administration of the Ministry of the Interior, is responsible for the configuration of the necessary equipment and technical solution/connections for the NUI. There is no intention to use external partners.</p> <p>3. N/A</p>




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	<p>EMN NCP France</p>	<p>Yes</p>	<p>1. The planning is respected as of today. The French ETIAS National Unit is searching for a building in the Western area of France, where is also located the sub-directorate which ensures the implementation of visas. Legal regulations will be studied as from March ; the aim is to create in the French law the NU at the end of 2021, before the beginning of tests period with a short team.</p> <p>2. not applicable</p> <p>3. n/a</p>
	<p>EMN NCP Germany</p>	<p>Yes</p>	<p>1. a. National ETIAS Unit (NU) The National ETIAS Unit (NU) will be established at the Federal Police (BPOL). The Federal Office of Administration (Bundesverwaltungsamt (BVA)) in particular will be responsible for the technical implementation of ETIAS. The required work processes involved in the future NU at the BPOL are currently being identified, analysed, defined and described. In addition, an organisational decision will be taken by the BPOL on the location of the NU. The NU will be implemented at the BPOL at the Federal Police Headquarters. Questions regarding concrete personnel, spatial and technical resource requirements are being clarified at the moment. These results will subsequently be implemented in order to ensure the planned pilot operation can be launched in Q3/2022 at the latest and that real operations at the NU can be implemented from Q1/2023.</p> <p>b.National Uniform Interface (NUI) The National ETIAS Unit is to be connected to the National Uniform Interface (NUI) by the third quarter of 2021.</p> <p>2. It has been outlined in the response to Question 1 above how the NU is being established at the Federal Police. A national processing system is currently being developed that will process transactions at the NU (as a supplement to the EU software).</p>


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			<p>The software is being developed on the basis of the Federal Office of Administration's framework agreements, meaning that no separate tendering process was necessary. The same applies to private contractors. The actual software development (coding) will mainly take place 'in house' at the Federal Office of Administration.</p> <p>3. This has yet to be clarified as indicated in the response to Question 2 above. Support may be provided in project management (planning, control, documentation) and in the area of requirement management.</p>
	EMN NCP Hungary	Yes	<p>2. Although the NUI is functional, its connection to ETIAS is in a preparatory phase. It can be stated, that Hungary does not intend to tender any parts of the IT development, but it will be carried out by state-owned institutions and bodies.</p> <p>3. N/A</p>
	EMN NCP Ireland	Yes	<p>1. Ireland does not participate in Regulation 2018/1240. This Regulation constitutes a development of the provisions of the Schengen acquis in which Ireland does not take part, in accordance with Council Decision 2002/192/EC (2); Ireland is therefore not taking part in the adoption of this Regulation and is not bound by it or subject to its application.</p> <p>2. N/A</p> <p>3. N/A</p>
	EMN NCP Italy	Yes	<p>1. The proposals for amendments to the national and procedural legislation, formulated in implementation of the Regulation, were sent to the competent Legislative Office.</p>



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			<p>The educational program for the Border Police Offices was completed, which was sent, on 2 December 2020, to the heads of the Offices to start the cascade training of staff, according to a centrally agreed schedule.</p> <p>We are working on the drafting of the project for the establishment of the ETIAS national unit. The identification of the possible workload of the UNE is being studied, in order to better quantify the needs in terms of human and instrumental resources.</p> <p>The identification of the necessary logistics solutions is underway as well as the drafting of the project sheet for the construction of the ETIAS national unit.</p> <p>2. The tender procedures for assigning the implementation of the system have not yet started.</p> <p>3.</p>
	EMN NCP Latvia	Yes	<p>1. The ETIAS National Unit will be integrated with the National Coordination Centre of the State Border Guard of Latvia. Practically the staff has been already recruited and for “top-up” activities additional 3 experts will be recruited in January 2021. In total there will be 23 officials dedicated for both the ETIAS National Unit and the National Coordination Centre’s matters. For the time being the legal framework is developed. When it comes to the NUI – the tender technical specification is being developed according to the ETIAS Interface Control Document (ICD) and the procurement procedures has commenced.</p> <p>2. The connection to the NUI will be implemented through a tendering procedure with an assignment to private contractors. It is estimated that the tendering procedures will be finished in February 2021.</p> <p>3. All parts mentioned in the ETIAS ICD (border authorities, immigration authorities, law enforcement authorities/central access points, ETIAS watchlist management and “buffer” application for ETIAS National Unit) will be assigned to the private contractors.</p>




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	<p>EMN NCP Lithuania</p>	<p>Yes</p>	<p>1. The State Border Guard Service (SBGS) is primarily responsible for the full implementation of ETIAS at national level. By Order of the SBGS Commander approving the establishment and regulations of the ETIAS National Unit of the Border Control Management Board of the State Border Guard Service under the Ministry of the Interior of the Republic of Lithuania, the ETIAS National Unit was established since 01/04/2020 with 4 positions. Also, contract for project “Establishment and implementation of the European Travel Information and Authorisation System (ETIAS)” was signed on 21/09/2020 and two expert groups for the project (Legislation and Procedures and Infrastructure expert’s group) established in the SBGS. By 4 February 2021, the designated authorities shall provide a reasoned opinion on the completion of the ETIAS watchlist in order to select whether the update of the list will be delegated to the ETIAS National Centre by the SBGS or whether the institutions should be included in the ETIAS National Unit under its authority.</p> <p>2. Yes, public procurement for the establishment of the ETIAS infrastructure is planned. Currently, the tender specifications for the IT services and equipment are under preparation. Services foreseen to be delivered before the end of 2022.</p> <p>3. N/i</p>
	<p>EMN NCP Luxembourg</p>	<p>Yes</p>	<p>1. The implementation of the new information exchange systems in the field of security and borders continues. The Regulation on the European Travel Information and Authorisation System (ETIAS) entered into force in October 2018 and its implementation through the definition of execution and delegated acts has progressed in parallel with the more advanced implementation of the Entry/Exit System (EES) throughout 2019. The Directorate of Immigration is coordinating these two programmes, in close collaboration with the Grand-Ducal Police and the State Information Technology Centre (CTIE) as project manager.</p> <p>2. As mentioned in answer to question 1, the establishment of the National ETIAS (European Travel Information and Authorisation System) Unit and the connection to the National Uniform Interfaces</p>

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			<p>(NUI) is done through an in-house development made by the CTIE. No tender procedure for private contractors is being used.</p> <p>3. N/A.</p>
	EMN NCP Malta	Yes	<p>1. Re connection to the NUI, we are currently working with eu-LISA to implement the national NUI. Equipment has been delivered and will be powered on and configured in the coming weeks.</p> <p>2. Re Private contractor. ETIAS ICD is still being studied and we are awaiting the next stable release for more information.</p> <p>3. No progress on same</p>
	EMN NCP Netherlands	No	<p>This EMN NCP has provided a response to the requesting EMN NCP. However, they have requested that it is not disseminated further.</p>
	EMN NCP Poland	Yes	<p>1. When it comes to the implementation of ETIAS on the national ground we can identify 3 following areas: ORGANISATIONAL: ETIAS NU will be set up within the Polish Border Guard HQ / Foreigners Department. Initial organisational concept paper was prepared a year ago covering a draft organisational structure including staff needs, recruitment's requirements and training programme, scope of tasks and responsibilities of Unit / sections and staff profiles.</p>



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			<p>Currently within the Border Guard HQ project team dedicated for ETIAS is functioning (approx. 3 persons) which deals with the following issues:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Grant application for ISF fund for setting up ETIAS national component (technical environment) with equipping ETIAS NU,• Supporting Frontex with training handbook for ETIAS and content of future's trainings for EU MSs also assisting FX in preparation of technical and organizational assumptions for ETIAS CU.• Participating in various EU meetings and working groups organized by COM, FX, EUROPOL EULISA etc. <p>Also please be informed that an the centralized level, Inter-ministerial project team was established on January 2021 by Prime Minister which will be in charge of horizontal coordination work targeted for implementation all EU Large-Scale IT systems (mainly from the begging for EES, SIS recast and ETIA). Within the Inter-ministerial project team another specific working groups for each system (EES, ETIAS, SIS recast, ECRIS TCN, Interoperability, VIS recast, EURODAC recast) will be set up for conducting implementation process at the working / technical level.</p> <p>LEGISLATION: Once all implementing and delegated acts for ETIAS regulation will be adopted by COM and EP , we are going to launch some preparation work for drafting a national act for ETIAS (preferably Q3-Q4 2021 or begging of 2022).</p> <p>TECHNICAL: For all technical implementation work will be handled by the Border Guard (IT Department) with no support from the private providers / sector. National interface (UI) / application and the copy of national system will be prepared by ourselves (Border Guard's developers) so no need for external procurements. Currently it's too early to implement any developments because draft ETIAS ICD is very general and will be complemented by euLISA and external system provider up to 2022. Some technical work will be implemented in 2022/2023. euLISA foresees connection to the NUI in 2023. Some tests maybe will be</p>
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			<p>implemented in 2022. Currently all works are focused at the EES and then will be focused at SIS recast. These two projects are more urgent than ETIAS.</p> <p>Of course all implementation work will be entirely dependent on EU implementation schedule - as currently we can see some delays with EES therefore this situation will have for sure impact for ETIAS' schedule and euLISA's activities in this regard.</p> <p>2. Covered by the answer for Q no 1.</p> <p>3. Covered by the answer for Q no 1.</p> <p>Additionally, our colleaueges from Board Guard (engaged into the implementation) inforemd that Cyprus has a Permanent Representative in both the euLISA advisory group and the Smart Borders Committee, so such inquiries can be easily passed on through our internal network and will certainly reach national experts specializing in the field.</p>
	EMN NCP Portugal	Yes	<p>1. The NUI is being deployed in PT data centres , site-A already deployed and site-B is on going.</p> <p>2. R2.1: Private contractors R2.2: CFT, private consultants and IT companies.</p> <p>3. ETIAS NU is being worked as a separated project, parts assigned and CFT paper processes will start until the end of February.</p>
	EMN NCP Slovakia	Yes	<p>1. The project is currently in the final stages of the preparatory phase, while at the same time the procurement phase has also been addressed. The project team is set up and the connection to NUI is</p>


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			<p>ready and it will be under the Central Visa Authority of the Bureau of Border and Foreign Police of the Police Force Presidium.</p> <p>Tentatively, the launch of ETIAS IS is planned to be postponed to the end of 2022 as the the overall finalisation of the interoperability framework is foreseen by the European Commission for the time being at the end of 2023</p> <p>2. Some of these issues will be dealt with internally (e.g. the connection to the NUI), some will be probably handled through the contractors (e.g. the watchlist).</p> <p>3. National solutions are planned to be outsourced. However, this is at the stage of preparation.</p>
	EMN NCP Slovenia	Yes	<p>1. Slovenia has assigned ETIAS and its connection to NUI within the Criminal Police Directorate. Within the aforementioned Directorate, ETIAS Project Manager has been appointed. ETIAS will operate within the International Police Co-operation division in the security risk Assessment Division. In the same Division is also located PNR national unit and Unit for International Police Cooperation, which operates 24/7.</p> <p>A five-member temporarily Working group has been established, which primarily coordinates work of several police units. Employment of staff member in the IT unit for information support of ENU is currently being planned. Five new job positions for the ENU are also planned in 2021.</p> <p>2. The external contractor will be probably used, given all the projects that await Slovenia in 2021.</p> <p>3. Not decided yet.</p>
	EMN NCP Spain	Yes	<p>1. The authorities have been designated (National ETIAS will be in the Central Borders Unit of the National Police). Office space is being sought, possibly at Madrid Airport. Initial staffing has been assigned.</p>

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			<p>2. Private contractors will be selected through a tendering procedure, for which the technical documents are currently being prepared.</p> <p>3. The whole national part of the system will be subject to tendering procedure.</p>
	EMN NCP Sweden	Yes	<p>1. Technical implementation measures</p> <p>2. No information available at this point of time</p> <p>3. Not applicable</p>
