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**Update on European Travel Information and Authorization System Effective From 2023**

In 2023, the European Union Commission will implement the European Travel Information and Authorisation System (ETIAS). ETIAS is a largely automated IT system created to identify any security or irregular migratory risks posed by individuals from visa-free countries to the EU, currently nationals from 59 countries. The list of 59 visa-free countries can be checked at the link [here](#)

Previously, nationals from 59 visa-free countries have the right to travel without paying a fee to enter the Schengen area. However, starting from the next year 2023, those 59 countries will need to pay a one-off fee to enter the Schengen area. ETIAS will be required to travel to the Schengen Area countries plus Bulgaria, Croatia, Cyprus, and Romania which are in the process of joining the Schengen Area. The ETIAS travel authorization has been designed for short-term stays of up to 90 days. In order to apply for ETIAS, all visa-free travellers will need to complete an online application and pay a one-off EUR 7 (IDR 110.000) for a period of 180 days. This fee is eligible for travellers between the age of 18 and 70.

ETIAS online application should not take more than 10 minutes and should not require any documentation beyond a travel document (a passport or other equivalent document). However, ETIAS is currently not in operation and no applications for travel authorizations are collected at this point. Information regarding the application date will be published on the EU Commission's official website.

But most importantly, ETIAS will only be mandatory for citizens holding passports with visa-free access to the Schengen area. Travellers from countries who are not benefiting from the visa-free access and still need visas to the Schengen area are not mandatory for ETIAS.

For your reference, please check the official press release and the statement from the EU Commission concerning ETIAS in the link [here](#).

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