Who we are?

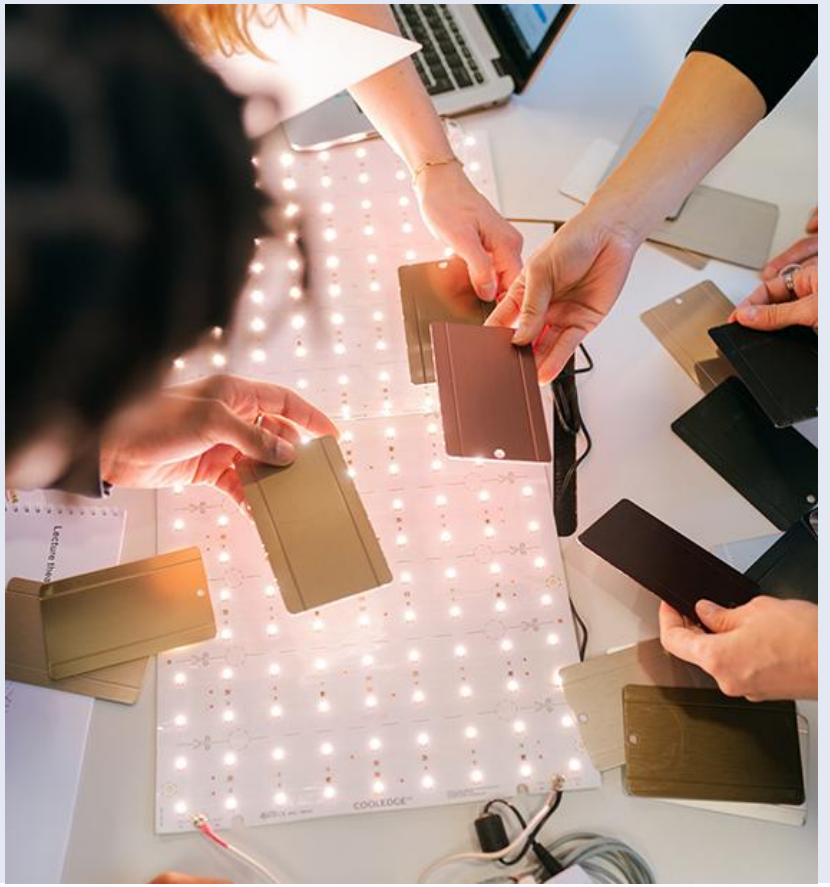
eu-LISA is an EU Agency that develops and manages large IT systems used by countries across Europe to support border management, migration, security, visas, and judicial cooperation. Our work helps European authorities share information securely and efficiently while supporting the free movement of people within the **Schengen Area.**

What do we do?

Many of the systems used by border guards, visa authorities, migration services, police authorities, and courts across Europe are managed by eu-LISA.

These systems help countries:

- Manage external EU borders
- Process visa applications
- Support asylum and migration procedures
- Exchange information for law enforcement purposes
- Improve cooperation between European countries



Why is our work important?

Every day, millions of people travel, work, study, or do business across Europe, eu-LISA helps make this possible by ensuring that critical IT systems are available, secure, and working around the clock.

In simple terms, we provide the technology that helps European countries work together more effectively in the areas of security, migration, and border management.



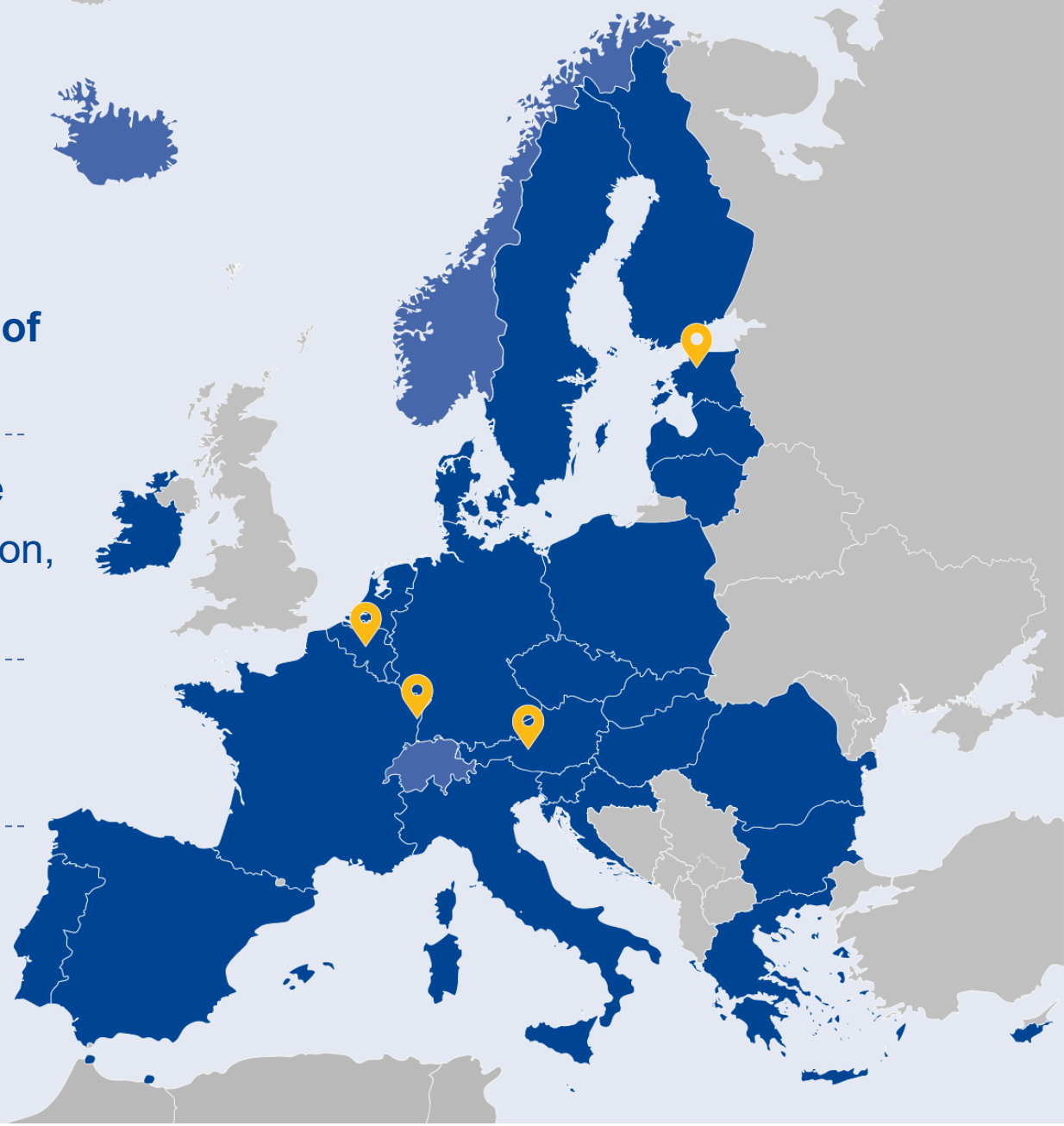
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Key facts

eu-LISA is the EU Agency for the Operational Management of Large-Scale IT Systems in the Area of Freedom, Security and Justice

eu-LISA manages large-scale IT systems to support the implementation of asylum, border management, migration, and justice policies and systems in the EU.

- Operational since **1 December 2012**
- Number of staff: **470** (Nov 2026)
- 2026 budget: c. **319 M EUR**



HEADQUARTERS
Tallinn, Estonia

TECHNICAL SITE
Strasbourg, France

BACK-UP SITE
St Johan im Pongau, Austria

LIAISON OFFICE
Brussels, Belgium

SIS | SCHENGEN INFORMATION SYSTEM

SIS supports **national police, border control, customs, visa and judicial authorities** in their daily work

Information-sharing system that allows competent national authorities to **issue and consult alerts on persons and objects of interest**

Used by **27 EU MS** (most recently joined by Cyprus in July 2023) **+ 4 Schengen associated Countries, Europol and Eurojust**



VIS | VISA INFORMATION SYSTEM

VIS facilitates **consular cooperation and border checks** in Europe supporting the implementation of the EU's common visa policy

Prevents "visa shopping", **assists** in the fight against irregular migration, **facilitates** visa application procedures

Used by **25 EU MS + 4 Schengen Associated Countries, Europol**



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EURODAC | EUROPEAN DACTYLOSCOPY DATABASE

Fingerprint database storing data related to asylum seekers and migrants irregularly crossing the border or located in the Schengen Area

Enables **better asylum and migration management** by registering biometric data

Used by **31 countries** (all EU Member States and 4 Associated Countries) **+ Europol** (June 2017)



EES | ENTRY / EXIT SYSTEM

Enables the recording of entry and exit data of third-country nationals (TCN) as they move in and out of the Schengen Area

Replaces the manual stamping of passports

Allows the identification of overstayers

Includes fingerprints and facial images

12 Oct 2025 - EES entered into operation (progressive start) and will become mandatory at all EU external BCP (air, land, sea) on 10 April 2026

Used by 26 EU MS + 4 Schengen Associated Countries and Europol



ETIAS | EUROPEAN TRAVEL INFORMATION AND AUTHORISATION SYSTEM

ETIAS will enable visa-exempt third-country nationals travelling to the Schengen Area to apply for pre-travel authorisation online

Compares information in databases, enabling advance verification of potential security, migration and public health risks

Q4 2026: Entry into Operation of ETIAS

Will be used by 25 EU MS + 4 Schengen Associated Countries and Europol

