Question for written answer E-000210/2025
to the Commission
Rule 144
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Subject: Ensuring the introduction of the Entry/Exit System (EES) is practicable

As part of the Entry/Exit System (EES), the EU plans to standardise the entry and exit of third-country nationals, including their additional data such as biometric data, and to check and manage the digital information centrally. These new entry and exit standards must be introduced simultaneously at all Schengen external borders (water, rail, road and air). The entry and exit procedure for travellers to and from countries outside the Schengen area will be significantly more extensive and time-consuming compared to conventional passport and visa checks, due to the recording and digital verification of core and additional information and will, generally speaking, require more space to be made available. The introduction of the Entry/Exit System has been delayed time and time again in recent years.

1. When was the Entry/Exit System originally planned to be rolled out, how often did delays occur, what is the current implementation status, and are there plans for a possible trial operation?

2. What impact has the introduction of the Entry/Exit System had on the duration of the entry and exit procedure for third-country nationals, and what technology is planned to be used to optimise the whole process?

3. What is the total cost of the Entry/Exit System – in terms of construction, hardware and software, maintenance, personnel and other expenses – expected to be?

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