

Global Immigration alert

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Schengen Area

Schengen border controls (May 2025)

Executive summary

This document provides details of the internal border controls in the Schengen Area as of 7 May 2025.

Background

- The Schengen Borders Code ([SBC](#)) enables Member States to temporarily reinstate controls at internal borders of the Schengen Area in exceptional circumstances, such as situations of significant threat to public order or internal security.
- Reintroduction of such controls must be limited in scope and taken as a measure of last resort in accordance with commonly agreed criteria.
- For predictable events, internal border controls are limited to 30 days or for the foreseeable duration of the event. In these cases, border controls can be extended for up to 30 days per extension, for a maximum period of six months.
- Member States must notify the European Commission and other Member States at least four weeks before a planned reintroduction of border controls. In emergency situations, Member States may reintroduce border controls for up to 10 days without prior notification and inform the Commission and other Member States immediately. In these cases, controls may be extended for up to 20 days per extension, for a maximum period of two months.

Key developments

As of 7 May 2025, 11 Schengen countries have ongoing border controls. Austria, Denmark, France, the Netherlands, Norway, Slovakia and Sweden enacted new controls or extended existing ones. Please see the following page for additional information. Some controls might have been in place since before the dates mentioned in the table below, and the end dates may be extended. See [this link](#) for the latest updates.

Impact on employers

The reintroduction of internal border controls leads to additional administrative requirements and delays in travel for individuals crossing internal borders. Employers may stay updated and keep employees informed regarding the latest developments.

Key steps

EY will continue to monitor these developments. Should you have any questions, we encourage you to contact one of our immigration professionals.



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Country	Start date	End date	Impacted borders	Rationale
Austria	12 November 2024	11 May 2025	Land borders with Hungary and Slovenia	Irregular migration and increase in smuggling activities via Austria's southern borders, strain on the asylum reception system, security risks resulting from global security policy developments in Ukraine and the Middle East, and threat of terrorism throughout the EU
	16 April 2025	15 October 2025	Land borders with Czechia and Slovakia	Irregular migration (e.g., via the Balkan routes), migratory pressure in the pre-frontier area, strain on the asylum reception system, Russia's ongoing aggression against Ukraine, the security situation in the Middle East
Bulgaria	1 January 2025	30 June 2025	Land borders with Romania	Security risks related to illegal migration, including smuggling activities, as well as migratory pressure caused by ongoing crises in Africa and the Middle East, particularly in Afghanistan, Gaza/Lebanon and Syria
Denmark	12 November 2024	11 May 2025	All internal borders, land/sea borders with Germany	Threats to public policy and internal security posed by continuous terrorism-related events and organized crime, acts of physical sabotage by individuals linked to Russia, armed conflicts in the Middle East and Africa, etc.
	12 May 2025	11 November 2025	Land and sea borders with Germany	Threats to public policy and internal security posed by continuous terrorism-related events and organized crime, tied to the Israeli-Hamas conflict and driven by radicalization from groups such as Islamic State and Al-Qaida
France	1 May 2025	31 October 2025	Borders with Belgium, Germany, Italy, Luxembourg, Spain, Switzerland	Serious threats posed by terrorism, criminal networks facilitating irregular migration and smuggling, risk infiltration by radicalized individuals, irregular crossings on the Channel and North Sea borders, rising violence among migrants
Germany	16 March 2025	15 September 2025	Land borders with Austria, Belgium, Czechia, Denmark, France, Luxembourg, the Netherlands, Poland, Switzerland	Threats to public security and order posed by continuous high levels of irregular migration and smuggling, the strain on the asylum reception system, and the impact of the global security situation (including Russia's ongoing aggression against Ukraine) on security and migration
Italy	19 December 2024	18 June 2025	Land borders with Slovenia	Irregular migration (e.g., via the Mediterranean and Balkan routes), ongoing crises in Eastern Europe and the Middle East, increasing migratory pressures, risk of terrorist infiltration, risk of violence against Israeli nationals
Netherlands	9 December 2024	8 June 2025	Land and air borders with Belgium and Germany	Irregular migration, migrant smuggling, substantial secondary migration flows, high pressure on the migration system (particularly on the asylum system), increase in criminal incidents at reception centers
	9 June 2025	8 December 2025	Land and air borders with Belgium and Germany	Threats to public policy caused by high levels of asylum applications, irregular migration, migrant smuggling, and secondary movements, leading to an overburdening of the migration system and the asylum system, as well as pressure on public services
Norway	12 November 2024	11 May 2025	All internal borders, ports with ferry links to the Schengen Area	General threat aimed at the energy sector, threats of sabotage posed by the Russian intelligence service, as well as to increase infrastructure protection
	12 May 2025	11 November 2025	Ports with ferry connections to the Schengen Area	Threats aimed at the energy sector, threats of sabotage posed by the Russian intelligence service, as well as to increase infrastructure protection
Slovakia	8 April 2025	7 May 2025	Land borders with Austria and Hungary	Threats to public order, territory, and the economy in Slovakia due to a foot and mouth disease outbreak that originated in Hungary and spread locally, leading to a state of emergency declaration on 25 March 2025
Slovenia	22 December 2024	21 June 2025	Land borders with Croatia and Hungary	Threats to public policy and internal security posed by continuous terrorism-related events, hybrid threats by Russia (including Russia's ongoing aggression in Ukraine and unlawful entry attempts by Russian nationals)
Sweden	12 November 2024	11 May 2025	All internal borders (land, air, sea)	Serious threats to public policy and internal security posed by recent terrorism-related events, serious crime associated with an ongoing armed conflict in the organized crime environment
	12 May 2025	11 November 2025	All internal borders and land borders with Denmark	Threats to public policy and internal security arise from organized cross-border crime and terrorism, highlighted by military-grade explosive attacks on foreign institutions and the public, involving foreign state actors and criminal gangs, alongside ongoing threats from violent Islamist groups and individuals

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