

New EU rules on Advance Passenger Information

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What is Advance Passenger Information?

Advance Passenger Information (API) is information on a passenger collected at check-in or at boarding. It includes information about the passenger and information about their flight.

The new rules will affect all **travellers** to and within the EU, over **1 billion passengers per year**.

Facilitating external border management and increasing internal security

The new rules will:

- **Harmonise** the **rules** on the **collection of API data**
- **Cover all air travellers** on **all flights**
- **Improve** the accuracy and completeness of **data collected to and within the EU**
- **Streamline transmission of API data** through a new **router**

The **router** serves as a 'message broker' between air carriers and Member State authorities. It acts as a single point of reception and onward distribution of API data, without storing it.

Benefits



For citizens:

Facilitated travel to the external borders and **increased security** for those travelling and living in the EU.



For air carriers:

Clear and harmonised rules if they transport persons to and within the EU.



For law enforcement authorities:

More reliable and efficient tools to identify persons suspected or having committed serious crimes or terrorist offences.