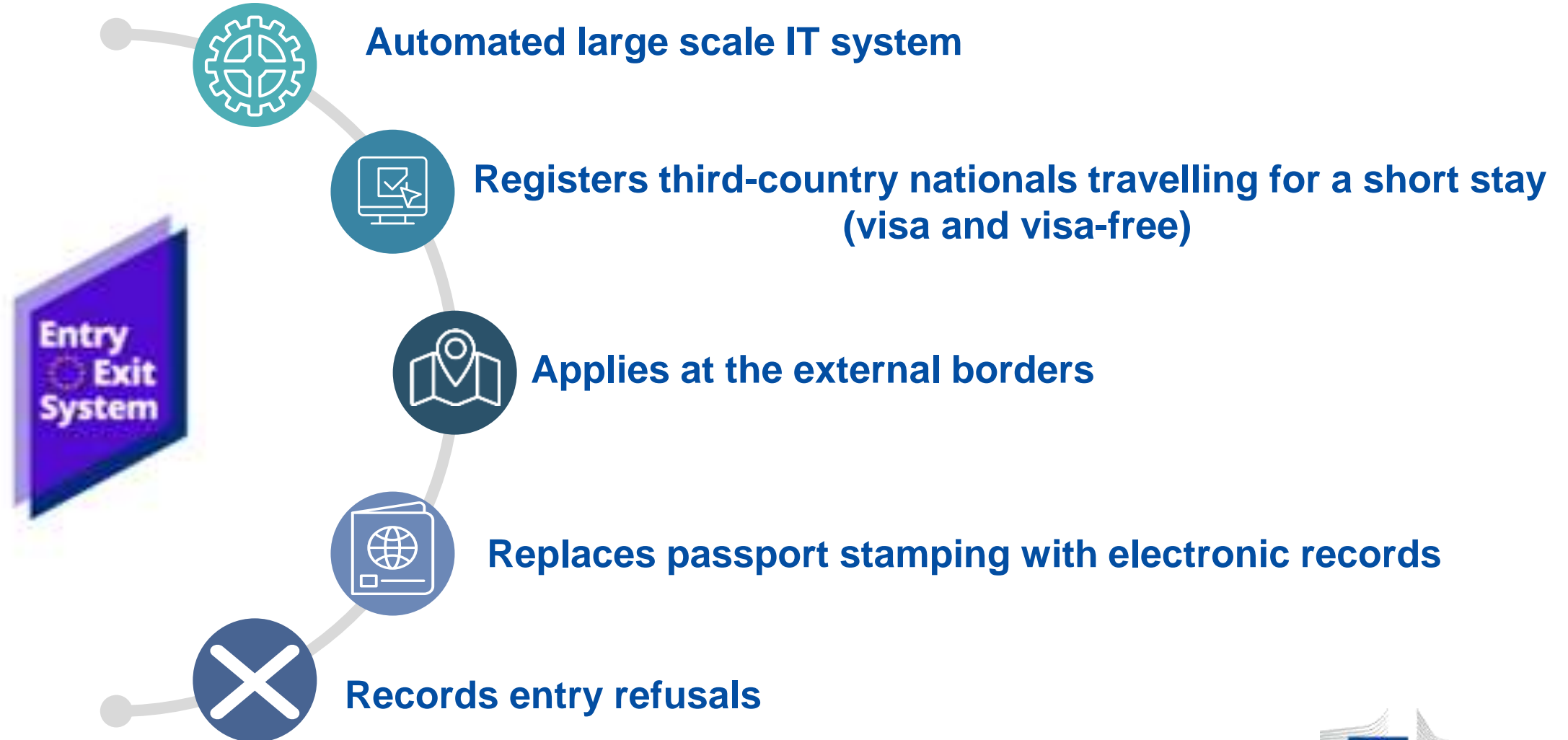




Progressive start of operations of the Entry/Exit System

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What is the Entry/Exit System?



Benefits of the EES



Fighting identity fraud



Identification of over-stayers



Reinforced security



Reduced wait times



Simplified, automated border procedures



Real-time information sharing

How does the EES work?



Objective and purpose of the progressive start



Objective

Facilitate EES operationalisation by giving Member States **the option** to deploy the system progressively at their external borders.



Purpose

Replace the 'big-bang' start of operations with a progressive start for **a smoother transition, while allowing MS to start fully from Day 1.**

What does the **progressive start** mean?

Over 180 days, Member States will progressively:



deploy the EES across their BCPs (air, land, sea), in phases;



introduce biometric functionalities across their BCPs;



record all third-country nationals in the scope of the EES.

Member States
can start the EES
fully from Day 1.

Possibility for MS
to suspend the
EES in
exceptional
circumstances

By the end of 180 days period, the EES shall be fully used in all BCPs and all travellers shall be recorded

Any questions?

Thank you!



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