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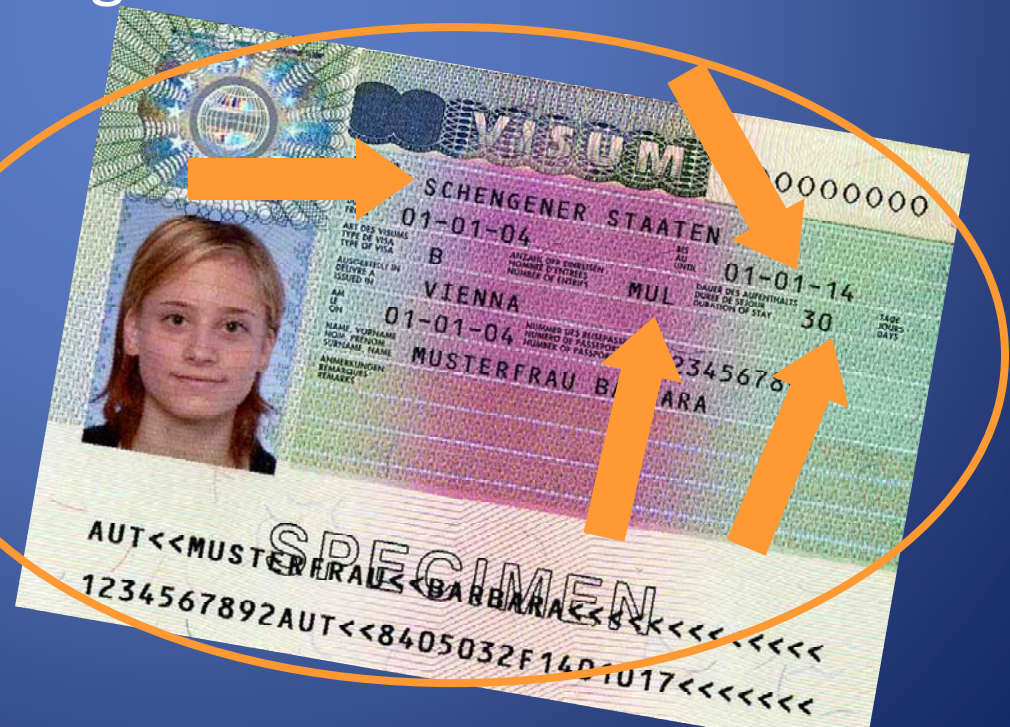
The Future of a Visa: Universal Doc 9303 Compliance and Beyond

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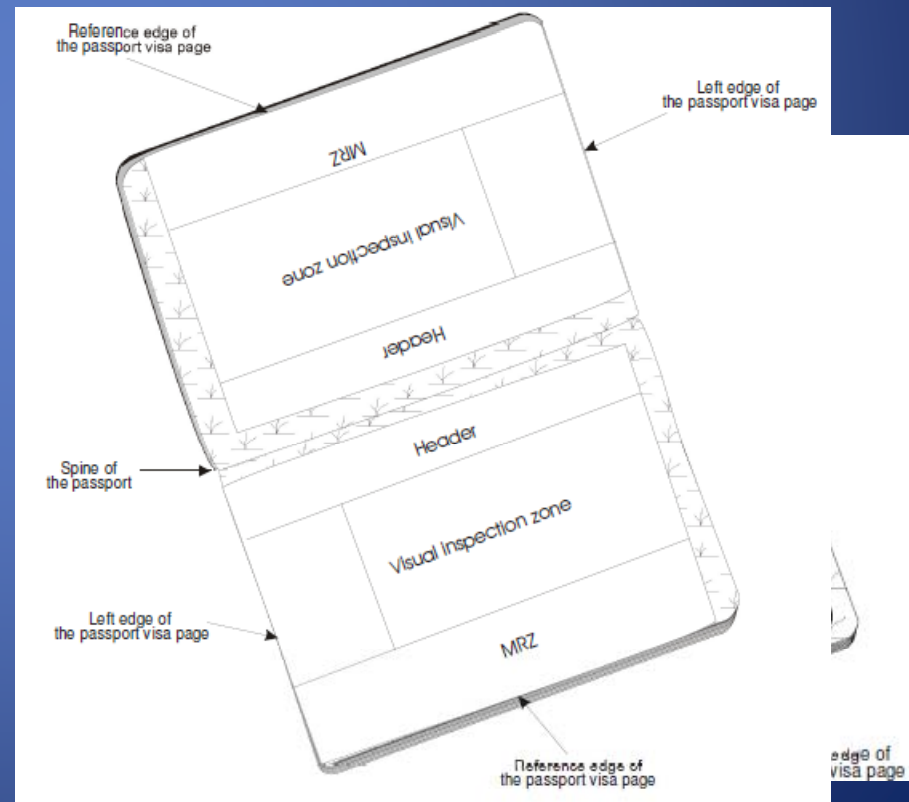
Visa

- Translation „Visa“ = „which has been seen“
- is an indication that a person is authorized to enter the territory for which it was issued, subject to permission of an immigration official at the time of actual entry.
- Conditions:
 - Territory covered
 - Validity period
 - Duration of stay
 - Number of entries
 - Fee paid



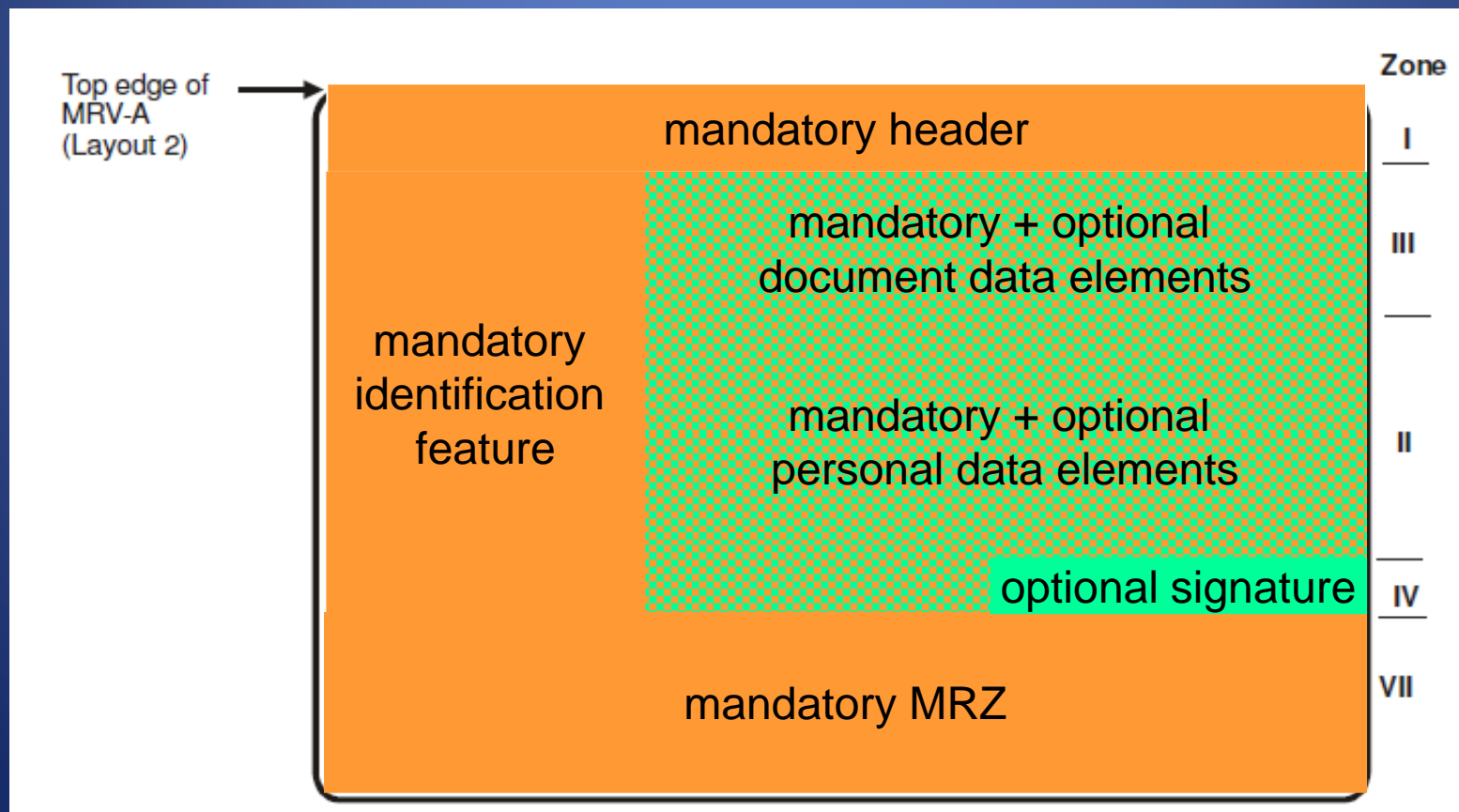
Visa

- Interoperability a must?!
 - Yes! Not only the issuing state controls the visa.
- 2 sizes possible:
MRV-A: 80 x 120mm
MRV-B: 74 x 105 mm

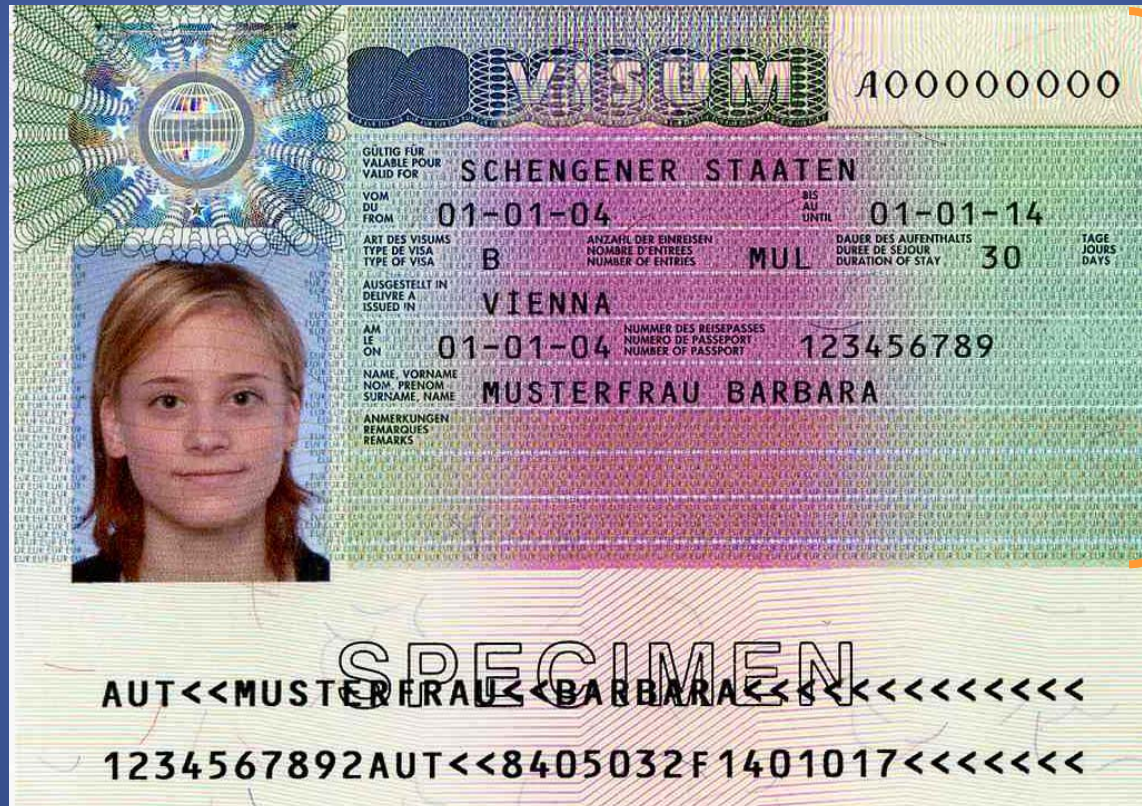


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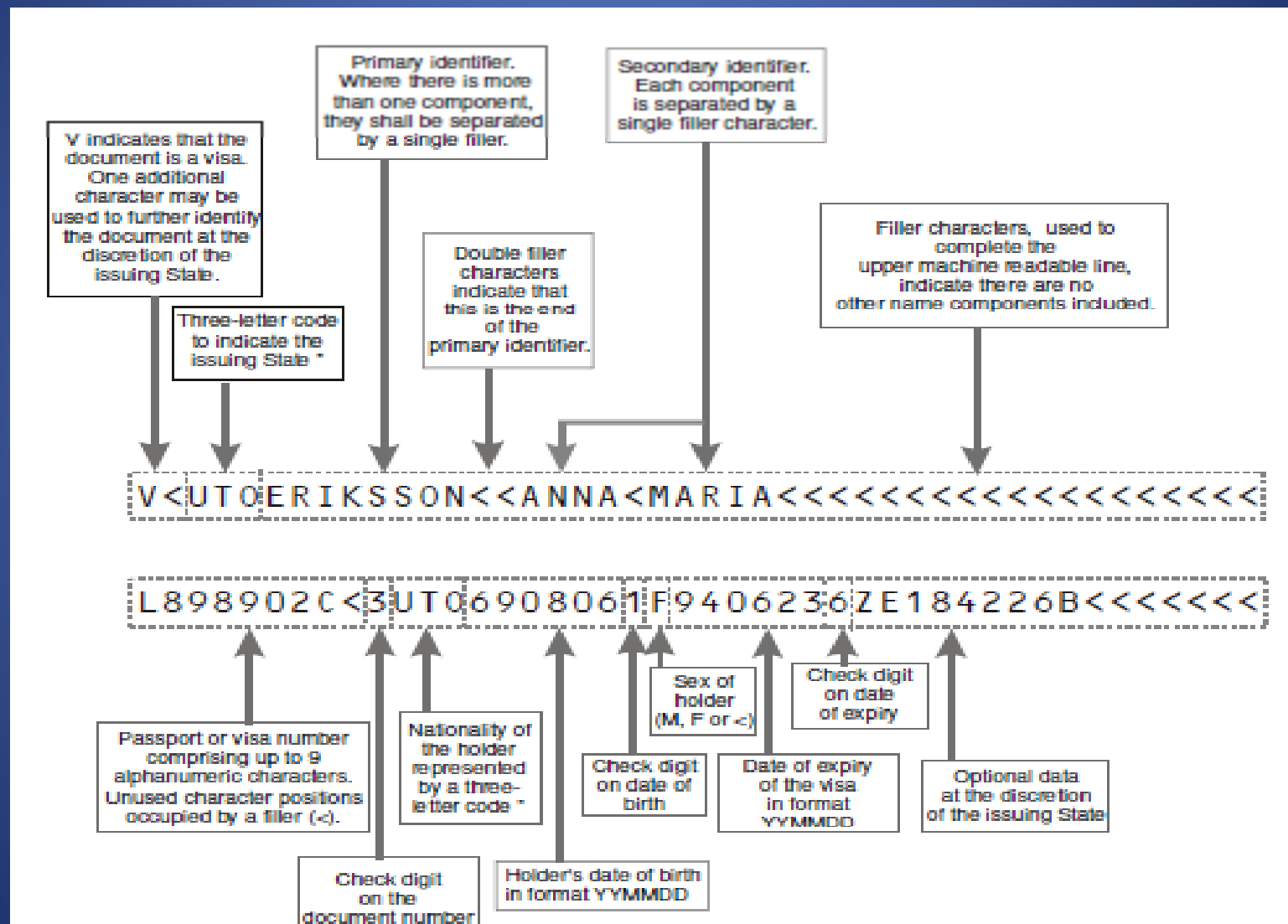
The inclusion of a portrait on a visa is strongly recommended in the interests of security.



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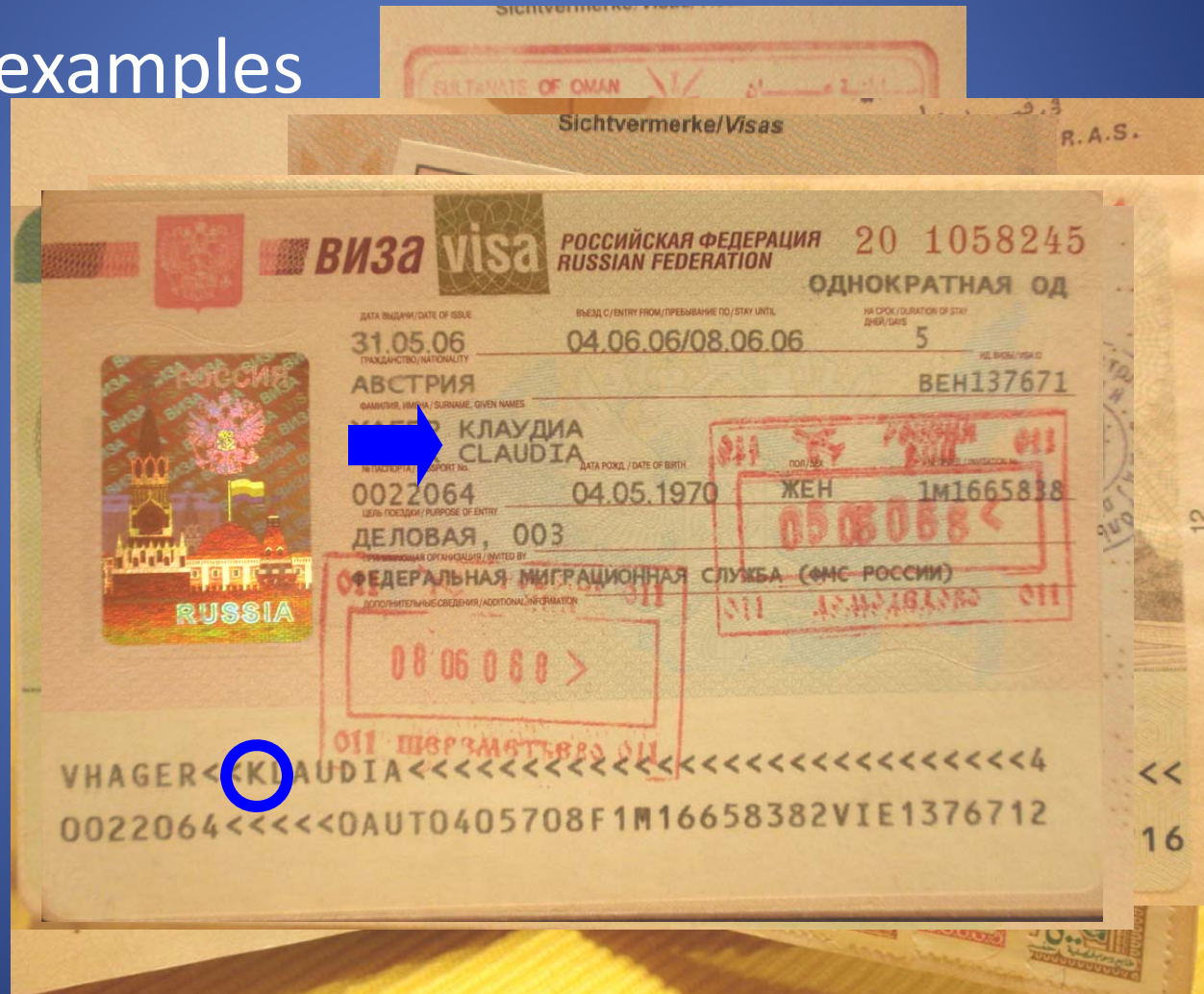


MRZ Composition



Visa in use

- Discuss examples



ETA - Electronic Travel Authority

- Australia
- An eVisitor is an electronically stored authority for travel
- Application online
- No stamp or label
- AUD 20,-
- The eVisitor is linked to the passport used in the application and the visitor must use the same passport to travel to Australia

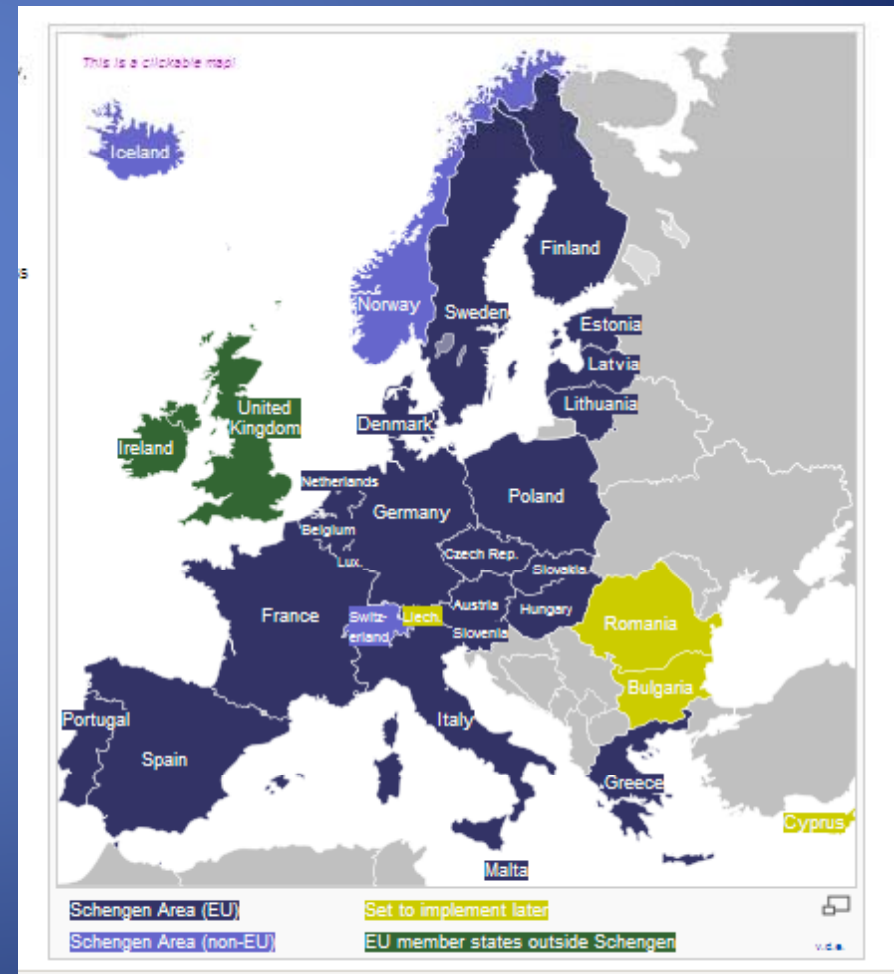


Australian Government
Australian Electronic Travel Authority



VIS – Visa Information System

- Data base within Schengen Area (part of EU+3 countries)
- 400 mio people
- 4,3 mio km²
- Photo + 10 fingerprints
- Start-up phase
- visa labels with improved security still in use



ESTA – Electronic System for Travel Authorisation



- USA
- For Visa Waiver countries
- Online application before departure for pre-authorisation, not level of a visa
- USD 14,-
- Data checked against terrorist and/or non-fly lists
- Airlines must check ESTA since Jan 2010

Trends

- Trend 1:
Introduction of a secure and machine readable visa label
- Trend 2:
Storage of the authorisation to travel to a country in a data base and only use a marker as reference (eg passport number)

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Thank you for your attention!

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