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Presentation

- **Visa**
- **Passports**
- **Residence Permits for third country nationals**
- **Various**



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- **Visa**
 - Visa sticker:
 - Enhancement of security features
 - **Visa Information System (VIS)**
 - Operations will start on 11 October 2011 in North Africa

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- Passports
 - Creation and implementation of a Single Point of Contact (SPOC)
 - Clarification on format/quality of fingerprints
 - PACE/SAC will be mandatory by December 2014
 - Protection Profiles are currently developed





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- Residence Permits for third country nationals
 - Deadlines for implementation of biometrics
 - Face: May 2011
 - Fingerprints: May 2012
 - Otherwise, same requirements as for passports: SPOC, PACE etc



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- Various
 - Currently no mandatory reading of passport chips
 - E-gates at various airports in Member States
 - Verification of chip signature possible recommendation in Schengen Border Handbook



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- Entry/Exit System
 - Study delivered, discussions ongoing
 - Legislative proposal at the earliest 2012
- Emergency Document
 - Discussion on EU wide upgrading of the document; unclear yet to which extent



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