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## CHALLENGES IN USING API/PNR FOR FACILITATION

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# KEY MESSAGE

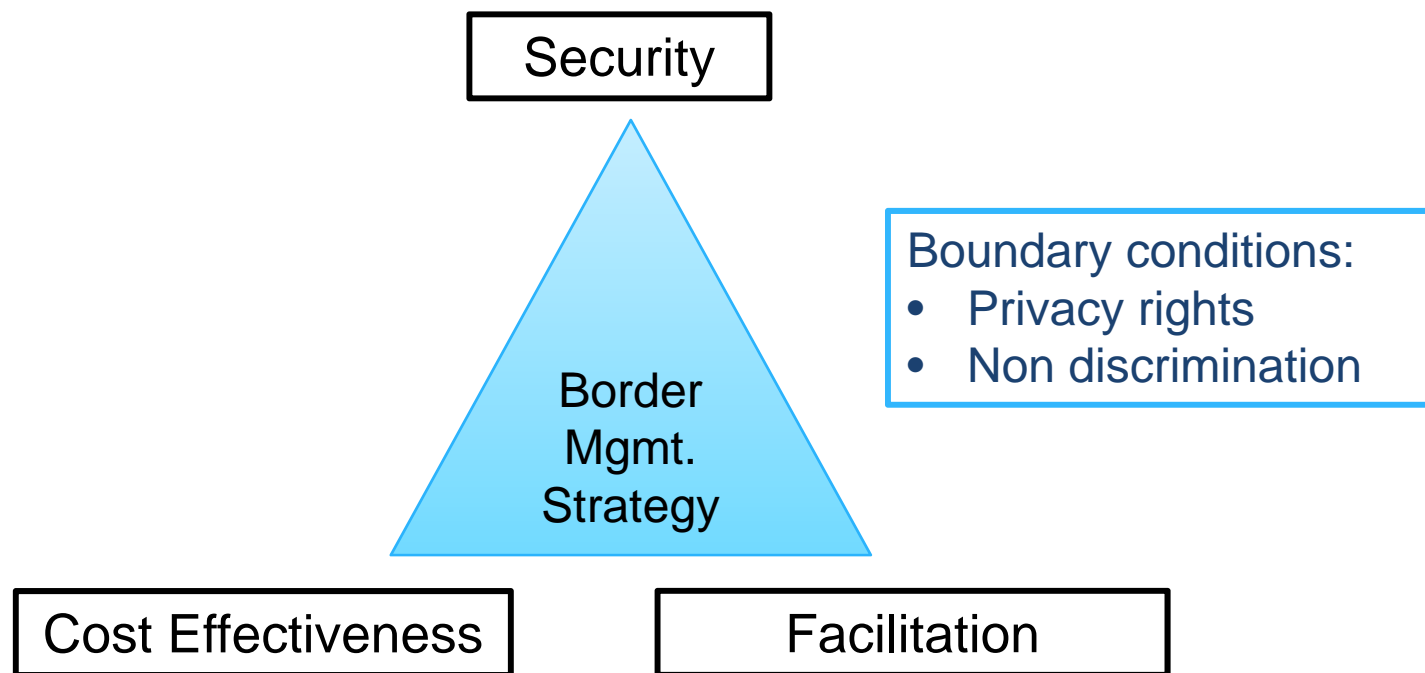
Facilitation benefits will only happen if carriers, port authorities and border management authorities all **work together**

- With a **common vision**
- Looking for **end to end** solutions
- Understanding **each other's business**

... and **API / PNR** is a cornerstone for achieving it

# NEW PARADIGM IN BORDER MANAGEMENT

Border Management has become **Trade-offs Management**



# MAKING FACILITATION HAPPEN

## **Vision...**

- 1. Entry Conditions and Risk Assessment checks carried out in advance**
- 2. Facilitation provided along the whole travel process (end-to-end)**
- 3. Only a small fraction of travellers checked at the border**

## **What is needed...**

- 1. Know early and reliably who is coming to the border**
- 2. Carry out secure checks before arrival to border crossing point**
- 3. Provide a fast track for pre-cleared travelers**

## **What some of the practical problems are...**

- 1. Insufficient data quality for security purposes**
- 2. Difficulty in targeting risk of travelers on the basis of API only**
- 3. Changing the mindset of border management authorities**

# ADVANCE INFORMATION (API/PNR) IN THE EU

After Frontex research in close consultation with EU Member States...

## STRENGTHS

- High effectiveness
- Low entry barriers and lifecycle costs
- Scalability

## WEAKNESSES

- Limited roll out
- Burden on carriers (set up process / operational / penalties)
- Divergent and un-harmonized implementations
- Risks targeted under national scope only

## OPPORTUNITIES

- Main enabler for future facilitation benefits
- Extension to other border types
- More secure EU external borders

## THREATS

- Different treatment under national regulations
- Failing to achieve a satisfactory regulatory framework
- Different stakeholders and agendas
- Stagnation in cooperation schemes

# WAY FORWARD?

## Frontex is currently working in 4 key areas:

- Fill API / PNR roll out and harmonization gaps in the EU
- Develop common risk management framework for targeting travelers on the basis of all Advance Information (API / PNR / VIS / EES / OSINT)
- Revisiting border checks CONOPS to enable end to end facilitation
- Engaging with industry for developing and testing a “virtual border” concept

**FRONTEX HEREBY CALLS FOR A JOINT COOPERATION WITH ICAO AND IATA  
TO UNLOCK VALUABLE UNEXPLOITED FACILITATION BENEFITS**

# YOU MIGHT ALSO BE INTERESTED IN ...

## **Best Practice Operational Guidelines for Automated Border Control (ABC) Systems**

[http://www.frontex.europa.eu/assets/Publications/Research/Best Practice Operational Guidelines for Automated Border Control.pdf](http://www.frontex.europa.eu/assets/Publications/Research/Best_Practice_Operational_Guidelines_for_Automated_Border_Control.pdf)

## **Best Practice Technical Guidelines for Automated Border Control (ABC) Systems**

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## **1<sup>st</sup> Global ABC Conference and Exhibition, 25-26 October Warsaw 2012**

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If you need help ...

If you want to share your experience ...

If you have doubts ...

If you don't know where to start from ...

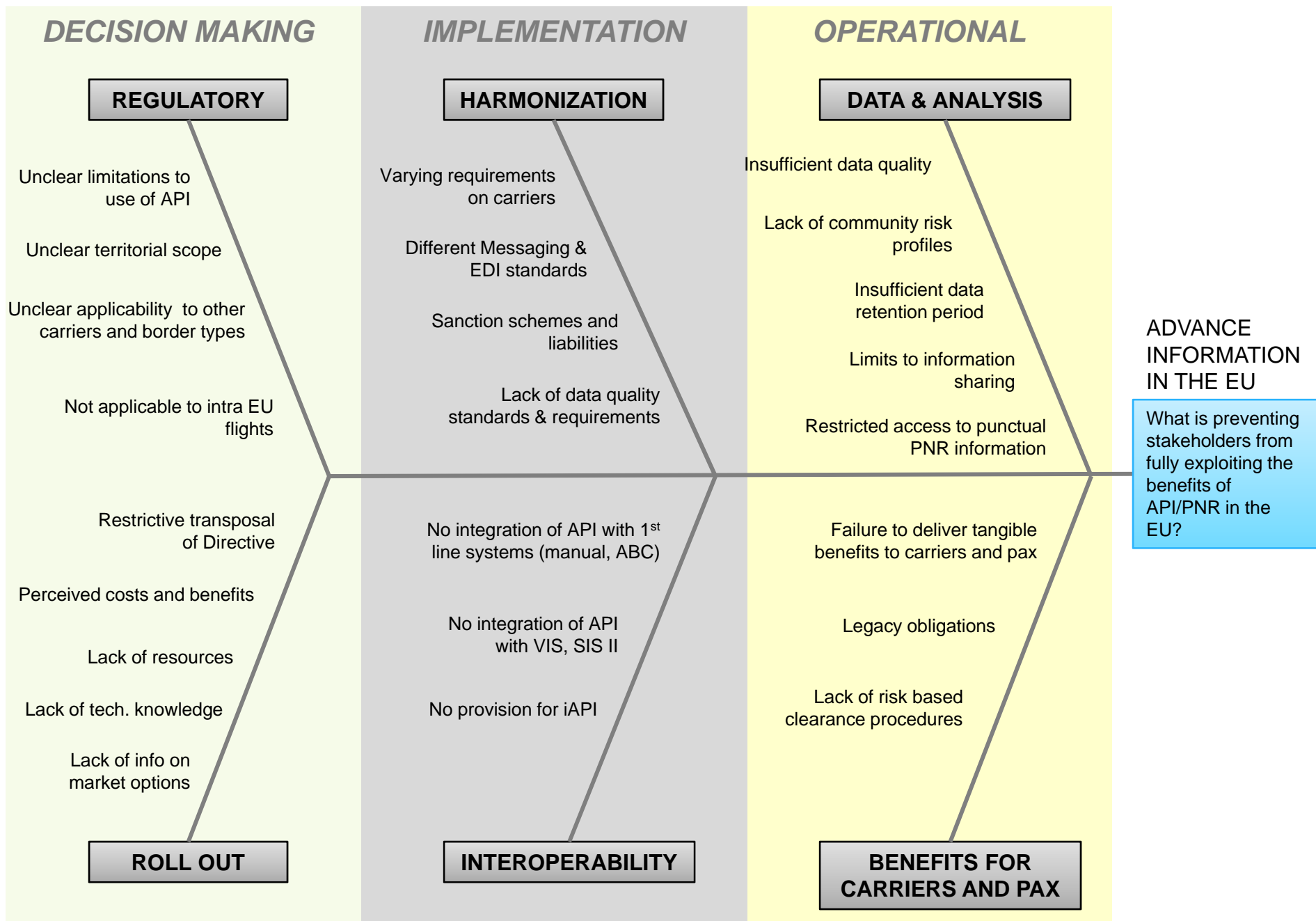
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# THE BORDER CHECKS PROCESS

**GET RID OF  
QUEUES!**

**REDUCE  
COSTS!**

**DO NOT  
COMPROMISE  
SECURITY!**



**WHO ARE YOU?**

- Is your travel document authentic?
- Is it really you?

**DO YOU MEET ENTRY CRITERIA?**

- Do you meet our entry requirements?
- Is your TD reported as stolen or lost?

**WHAT ELSE DO WE KNOW ABOUT  
YOU?**

- Are you a previous offender?
- Were we expecting you?
- Are you a risk?
- Is everything else OK?

**WELCOME!**