



**E-SERVICES AND INNOVATION IN THE  
SCHENGEN VISA  
PROCESS**

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Directorate general for Consular Affairs and Migration Policies  
Piazzale della Farnesina, 1 – 00135 Rome  
5<sup>th</sup> floor, Conference Room (Sala A)**

**Agenda**

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| 08.30 – 09.00 | <b><i>Registration and welcome coffee</i></b>   |
| 09.00 – 09.30 | <b><i>Start seminar</i></b><br>Introduction by: <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>- Director General of Consular Affairs and Visa Policies</li><li>- Director General for Administration and IT matters</li></ul>   |
| 09.30 – 11.00 | <b><i>Follow-up to the October meeting (tour de table)</i></b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Update and share experiences and common challenges on scanning of documents (de-materialization) and online application forms.</li><li>• The effect of online application on the back office process (decision making process on the basis of digital files rather than paper files).</li><li>• The existing and future Visa Code: testing e-visa for certain low-risk groups, make full use of Smart Border system, further liberalization and the storage of biometrics. The Estonian paper on e-visa.</li><li>• Financing of innovation. National and EU funds. Exploring the model of project financing.</li></ul> |
| 11.00 – 11.30 | <b><i>Coffee break</i></b>  |
| 11.30 - 12.30 | <b><i>Online application portal</i></b><br>Presentation of best practices (France, NL); debate on common challenges. Presentation by other Member states.   |

12.30 – 14.00	<b><i>Lunch / networking</i></b>
14.00 - 15.30	<b><i>Introduction breakout session</i></b> In the afternoon we will work in 2 thematic subgroups.  The subgroups will work on the following themes: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• normative and practical issues concerning ESP, from the tendering process to the (joint?) monitoring of activities, exchange of information and best practices on monitoring and checking ESP</li> <li>• Controlled experimenting of innovative visa processing. For instance e-application and visa stickering by the ESP, e-visas for low risk and qualified groups of applicants etc.</li> </ul>
15.30 – 16.00	<b><i>Coffee break</i></b>
16.00 – 17.30	<b><i>Presentations on outcomes subgroups</i></b> Subgroups present the results of the break-out session.
17.30 – 18.00	<b><i>What's next?</i></b> Conclusion by the chairman, and setting a common agenda for the future.