**Preparing your students/group for the Schengen border entry questions**

Where the Entry/Exit System (EES) is live, border officials will now be asking the seven standard Schengen entry questions to all passengers more frequently. This handout has been created to help you support your students in preparing their answers.

**How to use this handout:**

* Teachers/party leaders should **fill in the answers**before sharing the handout with students.
* For extra peace of mind, you could also choose to answer the questions in the local language, so the handout can be handed to border officials if needed.
* We recommend **printing this handout on school-headed paper** to give it an official context and emphasise its importance.

Once completed by the teacher/party leader, the handout can be distributed to students to help them understand the types of questions they may be asked and feel more confident when travelling.

**1. What is the purpose of your visit?**

You will be asked to explain why you are entering the Schengen Area, for example, for tourism, business, or visiting family.

**2. Where will you be staying?**

You should be prepared to provide details of your accommodation, such as hotel bookings or an invitation letter from a host.

**3. How long do you plan to stay?**

You must justify the length of your intended stay, as non-EU nationals are generally limited to 90 days in any 180-day period.

**4. Do you have sufficient funds for your stay?**

You should be able to demonstrate that you have enough money to support yourself during your visit.

**5. What is your nationality?**

Be ready to state your nationality to verify the visa or visa-free entry requirements applicable to you.

**6. Have you visited the Schengen Area before?**

Answering this helps the officer understand your travel history and ensures you are not overstaying your previous visits.

**7. Can you provide proof of onward travel?**

You may need to show a return or onward ticket to prove you intend to leave the Schengen Area.