



NO SUMMARY

Ad-Hoc Query on Waiting times at the Border Crossing Points (BCPs) at the Schengen external borders

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Responses from Austria, Bulgaria, Cyprus, Czech Republic, Estonia, Finland, France, Greece, Ireland, Lithuania, Luxembourg, Malta, Slovak Republic, Sweden, Croatia, Norway (16 in Total)

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1. Background Information

This summary highlights the main findings of the EMN Ad-Hoc Query on waiting times at the Border Crossing Points (BCPs) at the Schengen external borders, launched by the European Commission on 3rd March 2015. The aim of this Ad-Hoc Query was to clarify the waiting times at the Border Crossing Points (BCPs) at the external borders, given that the Commission has received a relatively high number of complaints including those from third country nationals with regard to excessive waiting times at the border.

Highlights relating to Norway:

EMN has produced a thorough summary of all respondents. Please note that first and foremost, Norway's response is based on information available from Storskog, a road crossing on the northern border between Norway and Russia. Please note too that in reporting, Norway also noted that reports from one of the smaller airports south of Oslo confirmed that they do not have a formal means of measuring the wait time, though they know that processing a given number of passengers can go quickly or take extended periods of time, depending on where the majority of passengers originate from.

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Given that Norway's response only relates to road traffic, the responding Member States it is most natural to compare ourselves to would be France and Finland. Norway uses on average, 26 minutes to expedite a border crossing at this point, regardless of whether it is a bus, a car or a heavier vehicle/truck. This average is significantly greater than in either Finland or France, but more than twice as fast as the average for all responding MS. Please note abbreviated tables here.

Total average waiting times in minutes at Border Crossing Points by type of border

Member State	Air	Land
Finland	56	12
France	8	15
Norway	NI	26
Average (all respondents)	24	71

Total average waiting times in minutes at Border Crossing Points by time and Member State

Member State	Off-peak	Peak
Finland	27	43
France	5	15
Norway	8	45
Average (all respondents)	29	79

Total average waiting times in minutes at Border Crossing Points by means of transport and Member State

Member States	Air	Busses	Light passenger cars	Lorries/trucks
Finland	56	12	13	12
France	8	20	10	17
Norway	N/A	26	26	26
Average (all respondents)	24	34	49	136