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Position Paper – Future-proofing your border control

Border security agencies intensify their efforts to enable smooth, legitimate border crossing, while efficiently identifying and acting upon possible threats. Interoperable systems and a person-centric approach are key to mitigate risks and enable convenience.

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Today, **border security procedures** are performed on all travelers, at departure or upon arrival. This means unnecessary time spent on lawful travelers and more bottlenecks at borders. Border guards need to be able to **assess the threat of an individual prior to arrival**, allowing them to spend time on those who present a risk, and streamlining **border-cross checks** for nationals and bona fide travelers.

An additional level of complexity is added by the fact that the usable infrastructure can vary greatly between two **border crossing points**. From the big international airport in a country's capital to the small land **border crossing point**, all layouts must be taken into account.

In light of these challenges, governments and agencies in charge of **immigration** should rethink the **border control process** entirely. Various key questions arise and shape the evolution of new **border control processes**:

- ⟶ How to improve security and streamline processes at the same time?
- ⟶ How to support the decision-making process to alleviate the border guards' workload?
- ⟶ What technologies and tools are available that can help prevent the **border crossing** of unwanted individuals and enable a welcoming arrival process for everyone else?

The latest technological improvements allow governments to answer these questions by designing their border control systems in line with the following objectives:

- ⟶ Assessing passengers' risk profiles prior to arrival
- ⟶ Making checks at physical borders fast, secure and convenient for nationals and bona fide travelers
- ⟶ Confirming that a known identity (i.e. of someone who has already visited the country) matches with the physical person at the border
- ⟶ Providing border guards with all the necessary insight for them to make the most informed decision In this position paper we explain you: How to enable the border control process of the future How to protect travelers' biometrics and biographical data privacy How we can support you to implement our **Augmented Borders** vision to re-invent border management