



The Future of Border Control

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SITA at Borders

Borders update – A Technology Market on the Move



Gradual introduction starting in 2025



New standards impacting in 2026



Directions for Digital Wallets and DTCs



EU AI Act enters into force



World Migration Report 2024



International Migration Outlook 2024



Proliferation of ETAs and eVisas



Apple supporting digital passports in iOS26



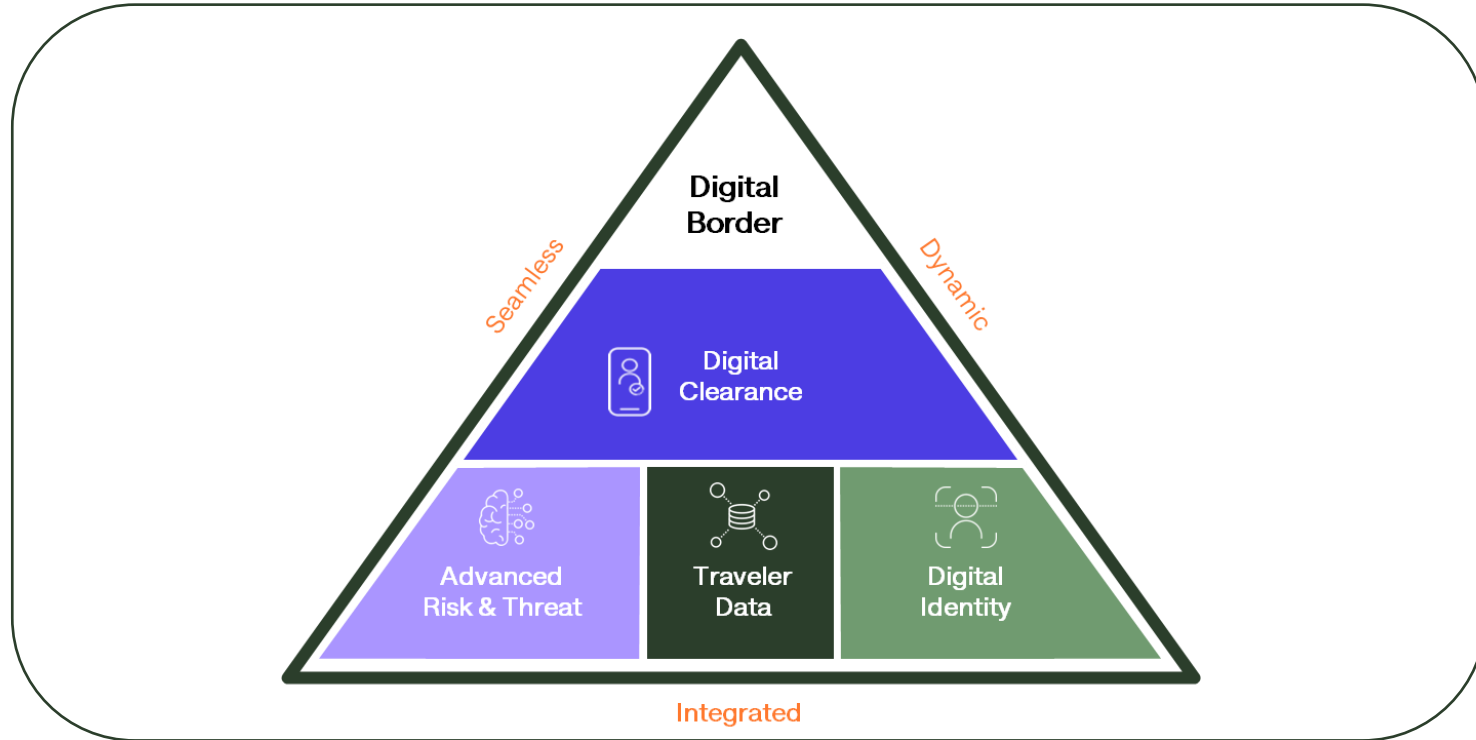
Tourism Impacts



Adoption of Kiosks and Gates

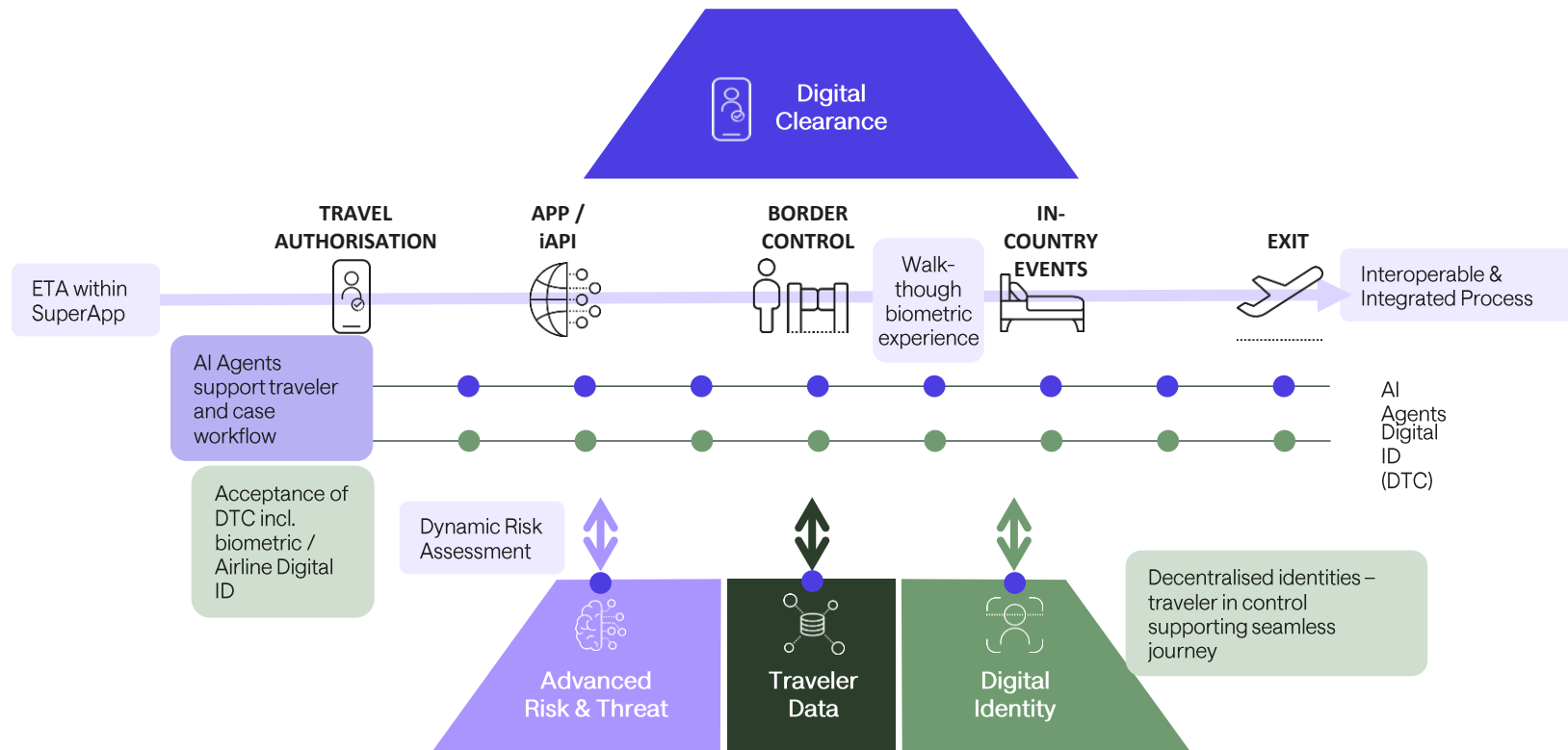
Future of Borders – Design for Agility

The world is changing faster than ever



The Border and Beyond – Digital Credentials and Trust Networks

The Digital Border and Beyond



Industry Directions - Proliferation of ETA and eVisa Schemes

As at Q1 2025, there are 37 African countries with ETA/eVisa, 13 in the Americas, 38 in Asia, 3 in Europe*

VisasNews

Chad launches electronic visa system

International tourists can now apply for an electronic visa (e-Visa) to visit Chad. Introducing this new online visa system.

1 month ago



VisasNews

Israel introduces electronic visa system

After rolling out an electronic travel authorization (ETA-IL) for visa-exempt travelers, Israel continues to digitize its entry procedures...

3 weeks ago



VisasNews

Mauritania launches electronic visa system

Starting January 5, 2025, international travelers will be able to apply for an electronic visa (e-Visa) to visit Mauritania.

4 weeks ago



VisasNews

Algeria: developing Saharan tourism, particularly through the electronic visa

Algeria is banking on the development of Saharan tourism to diversify its economy and boost its international appeal.

15 Nov 2024



VisasNews

Vietnam launches new electronic visa portal

Starting November 11, 2024, international travelers to Vietnam will be able to apply for their electronic visa (e-Visa) through a new...



VisasNews

Cook Islands to introduce electronic visa system

The Cook Islands, a visa-free destination for short-stay tourists. One of the attractive features of the Cook Islands is its visa-free policy.

5 Sept 2024



VisasNews

Thailand expands e-Visa system

Thailand expands e-Visa system ... Thailand embassies and consulates general in 39 countries now offer electronic visa (e-Visa) issuance. Thailand...

10 Oct 2024



VisasNews

Introduction of electronic visa in Belarus

By 2025, citizens of 67 countries will be able to apply for an electronic visa (e-Visa) to travel to Belarus.

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VisasNews

Ukraine prepares electronic travel authorization for visa-exempt foreigners

Citizens of visa-exempt countries will soon have to apply for an electronic travel authorization before going to Ukraine.



ETA vs eVisa vs Travel eDeclaration vs eTourism Fee Payment etc

*<https://visasnews.com/en/e-visa-eta-these-destinations-offer-travellers-an-electronic-visa-in-2025/>

Benefits of Mobile Capability

Challenges

- APP and visa validation
- Visa scam sites
- Agents upselling
- Data quality
- Identity Assurance
- AI generated spoofs

European Union: Warning on Fraudulent ETIAS Websites

April 17, 2023

As preparations are underway to the ETIAS (European Travel Information and Authorization System), the Directorate is warning the public that there are fraudulent websites that are attempting to mimic the official ETIAS application website. The Directorate will continue monitoring the information as developments occur.

This alert is for informational purposes only. For more information, please contact the global immigration professionals at ICE@fragomen.com.

Back Ratings & Reviews

DO NOT USE 8 Jan
★☆☆☆☆ JackieJo B

Absolutely do not use these guys. I paid a premium for a 3 day visa - they did not get it approved & have no authority to get more

Developer Response 16 Jan
Hi JackieJo B, we're really sorry to hear about your experience. We aim to provide more

Just don't 28 Mar
★☆☆☆☆ TOPBMC

Slow service - and not up to date with Visa requirement changes. The form they filled and emailed to me was out dated with more

Developer Response 6 Apr
Hi,
more

Scammers 29 Feb
★☆☆☆☆ Mal1kk

They file our visa without checking the

Forbes

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Brits And Canadians To Need ETIAS For EU Travel In 2024

Andy J. Semotiuk Contributor @

I write about issues Immigration issue

Planning a Trip to Europe? Beware This Online Scam Targeting Tourists



CBP Warns Against Third-Party Site Use for ESTA Applications

Release Date: Wed, 05/26/2021

WASHINGTON—There are many websites and e-mail scams attempting to mislead international travelers and members of the public into thinking they are official U.S. government websites. Officers at U.S. Customs and Border Protection (CBP) have noticed an increasing number of third-party sites claiming to help foreign travelers apply for

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Tourism Challenges

- Immigration – Identity and Immigration fraud
- Customs – Illicit goods
- Intelligence – National security, public protection
- Health/Quarantine/Biosecurity
- Tourism planning and marketing effectiveness
- Biosecurity hazards - Viruses, algae, waste, pollution

✓ Travel
Authorisation

✓ I&T

✓ APP



The Future of Mobile – an Ecosystem Evolving

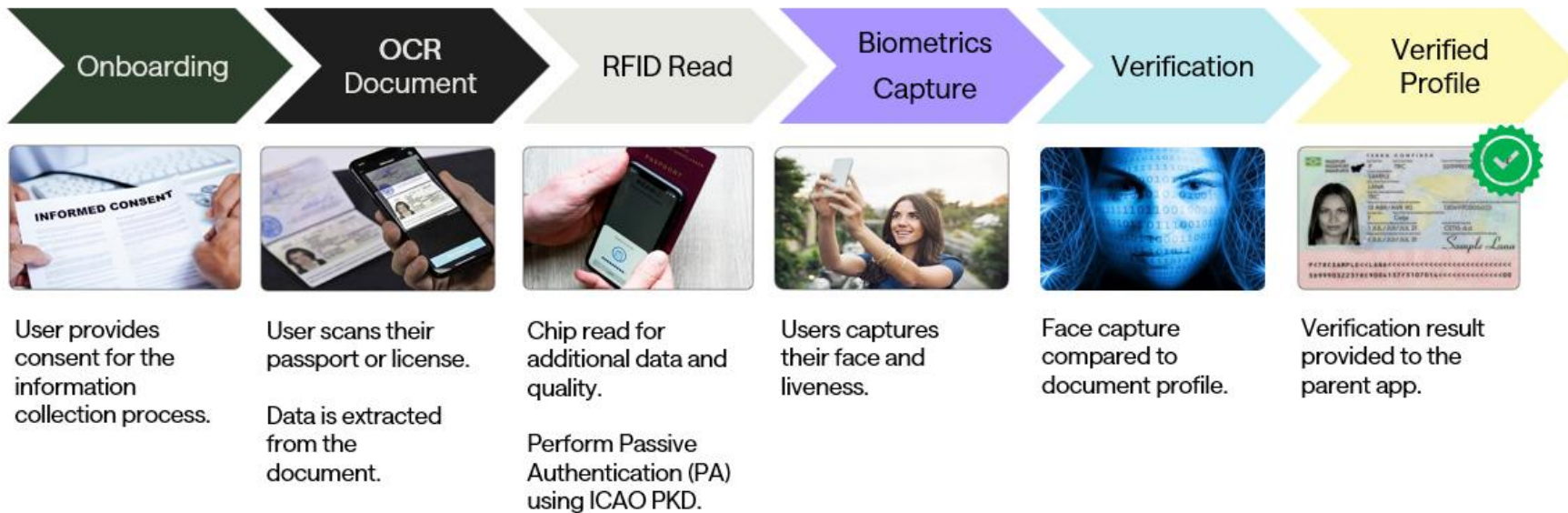
- **Super Apps**
- **SDKs**
- **Digital Identity**
- **Verifiable credentials**
- **AI Agents**
- **?**



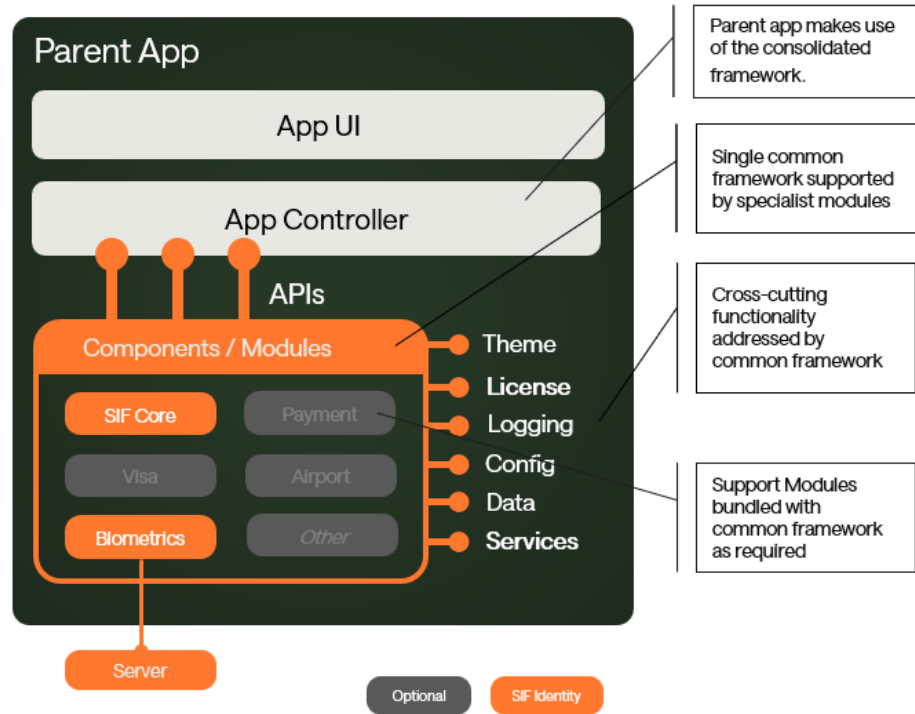
- + Airline apps
- + Airport apps
- + Travel apps
- + Cruise apps
- + etc

Mobile Building Blocks – SITA Identity Framework (SIF)

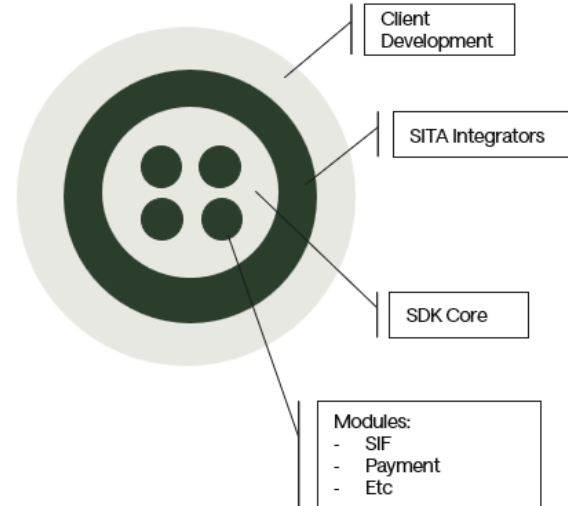
Identity Assurance underpins all the pillars of border protection – Character, Health, Intent, Compliance Risk



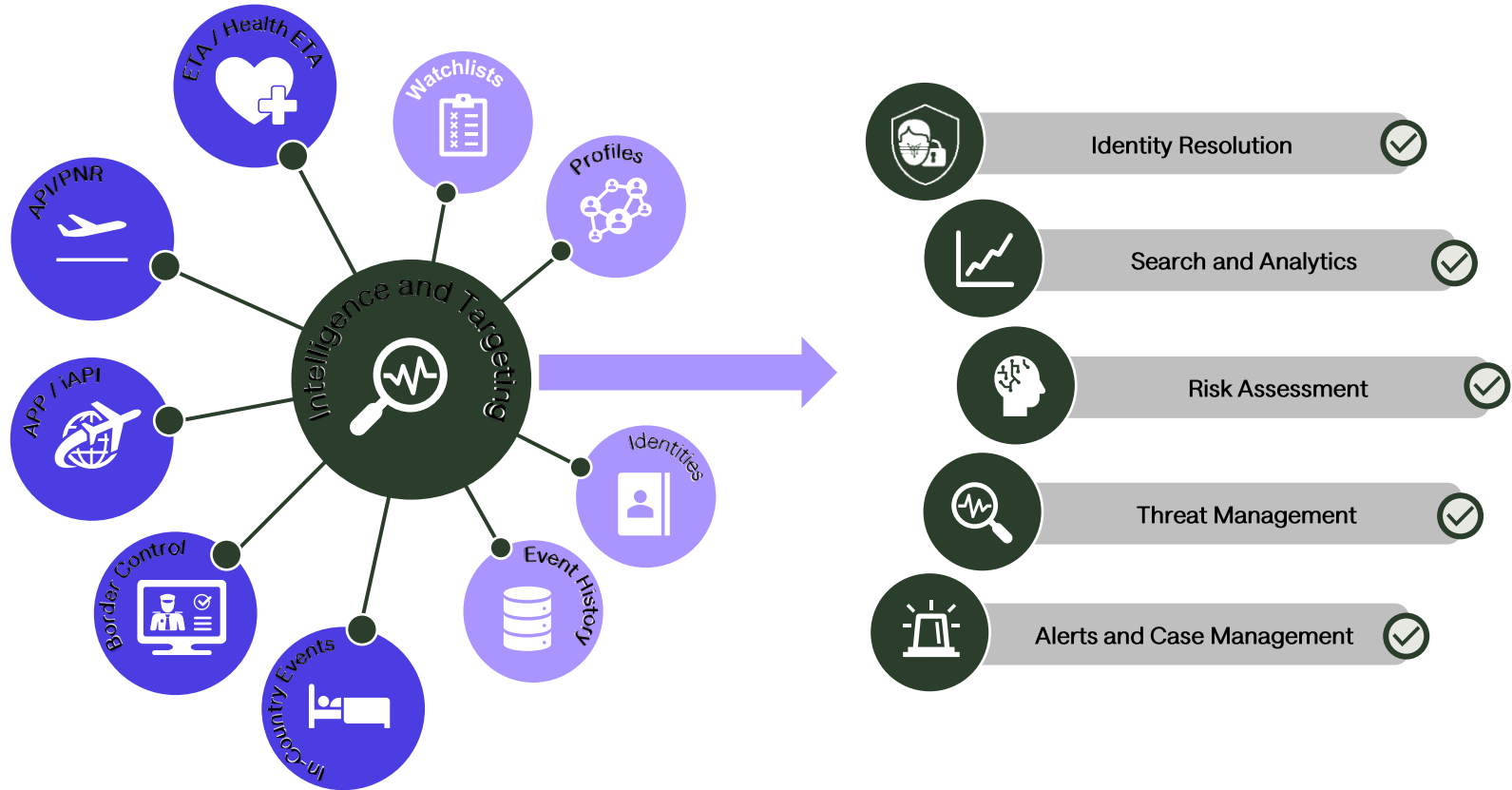
The Future of Mobile – Modular Design



Modular Structure



The intelligence behind border operations and passenger experience



Border Control eGates and Kiosks

In 2024/25

- Productized new Gates
- Productised new Kiosks
- Demonstrated flexibility to integrate different gates from different providers

Leveraging broader capabilities

- Existing airport and airline support teams
- Mature productisation process
- Mature end-to-end delivery model
- Aligned with global contact center support



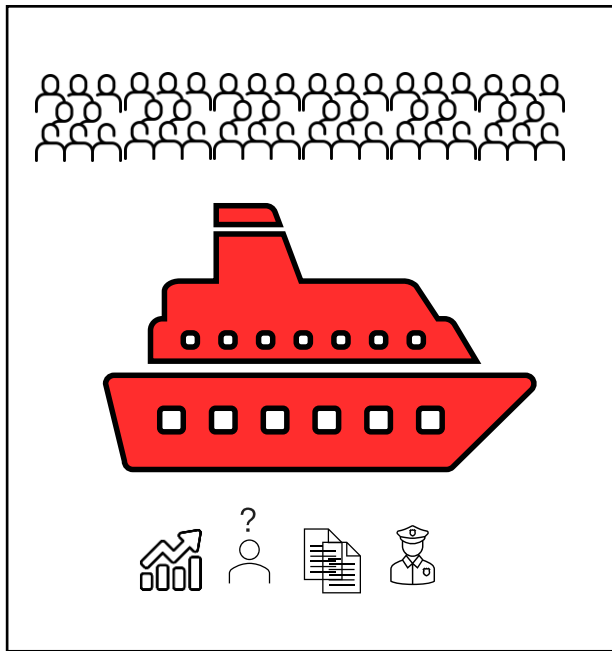
Growing demand for BC

- Opportunities across all GEOs
- Several new awards, including large deals and combination of multiple Digital Clearance products
- Roadmap and team reorg to support growing demand

Roadmap Achievements

- Enhanced workflows for 1:n face
- Seamless Workflows for DTC
- Mobile and Kiosk enrolment
- Support for different ID documents

Maritime Key Takeaways



One cruise company has recently approached 4 large countries for interactive APP

Country Challenges

- Exploding cruise ship volumes
- New Ports
- Poor quality data
- Limited resources
- Inadequate port infrastructure
- Visa free arrival via maritime
- People trafficking/smuggling
- Identity and immigration fraud
- Reliance on manual processes causing delays
- Security exposures

Industry Directions

API PNR Contact Committee February 2024

- International committee responsible for API/PNR expands TOR to cover Maritime;
- Promotes guidelines for use of API, and BRI/PNR data for facilitation and enforcement purposes;
- Addition of CLIA and IMO into Committee

WCO Data Model v 4.1.0 June 2024

- Comprehensive Booking Reservation Information (BRI)
- Aligns with PNR risk management, cross-border operations and supporting digital transformation.

SITA Perspective

- Simplify complex ship reporting for compliance with multiple government requirements
- Use interactive APP to keep risks away from the border/boat.
- Whitelists based on high quality data for managing workload.
- Biometrics and DTC for identity assurance, off-port processing and facilitation

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