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**European Travel Information and Authorisation System (ETIAS)**

**Publication type** Briefing  
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**Policy area** Transport | Security and Defence | Tourism | Adoption of Legislation by EP and Council  
**Keyword** border control | travel | data collection | personal data | external border of the EU | visa policy | Europol | terrorism | information system | tourism | Schengen Agreement | foreign national | data protection | proposal (EU)  
**Summary** Strengthening the EU’s external borders is key to ensuring internal security and to preserving freedom of movement in the Schengen area. While the existing border management information systems do address some of the information gaps concerning non-EU citizens coming into the EU, there is a lack of information related to visa-exempt third-country nationals arriving at the Schengen external borders. The European Commission is therefore proposing to set up an automated system that would gather information on visa-exempt travellers prior to their arrival, in order to determine any irregular migration, security or public-health risks associated with them. The proposal follows similar models already existing in the USA, Canada and Australia, among others. ETIAS formally entered into force in October 2018, but will not become operational before 2021. Fourth edition. The 'EU Legislation in Progress' briefings are updated at key stages throughout the legislative procedure. Please note this document has been designed for on-line viewing.

**EU strategy on cooperative intelligent transport systems**

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**Date** 31-08-2017  
**Author** Marketa PAPE  
**Policy area** Environment | Transport | Energy | Industry  
**Keyword** cost analysis | travel | road transport | information service | intelligent transport system | radio telecommunications | EU law | motor vehicle  
**Summary** Digital technologies, and systems based on them, are being rapidly introduced in transport all over the world. Cooperative intelligent transport systems (C-ITS) in road transport are part of this development, and one element in a wider drive towards vehicle automation. These systems use technologies allowing road vehicles to communicate with other vehicles or road users and roadside infrastructure. By increasing the quality and reliability of information, C-ITS can improve road safety and traffic efficiency as well as reduce energy consumption and emissions from transport, provided that cyber security and data protection are ensured. The European Commission has put forward a strategy outlining the path towards commercial deployment of C-ITS in the EU by 2019, seeking to avoid market fragmentation and maintain EU competitiveness. The main steps proposed are to adopt a legal framework for providing investors with legal certainty, to make EU funding available for projects, and to continue cooperation with EU stakeholders and international partners. The strategy addresses key issues such as data protection and cyber-security, systems interoperability and technical specifications. In the meantime, several ongoing pilot projects are consolidating the experience to be shared. The European Parliament, a long-time supporter of C-ITS and defender of personal data protection, is preparing a report on the strategy.

**Tourism**

**Publication type** EU Fact Sheets  
**Date** 01-06-2017  
**Author** ESTEBAN COITO GONZALEZ  
**Policy area** Tourism  
**Keyword** equitable tourism | travel | EU action | tourism policy | admission of aliens | sexual tourism | hotel industry | tourist profession | regional development  
**Summary** Since December 2009, tourism policy has had its own legal basis. However, it still does not have a separate budget either under the ongoing multiannual financial framework (MFF) for 2014-2020 or in the latest proposal for the 2021-2027 MFF.
European Travel Information and Authorisation System (ETIAS): Border management, fundamental rights and data protection

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Keyword: border control | travel | data collection | personal data | external border of the EU | visa policy | Europol | terrorism | information system | tourism | Schengen Agreement | foreign national | data protection | proposal (EU)
Summary: This study, commissioned by the European Parliament’s Policy Department for Citizens’ Rights and Constitutional Affairs at the request of the LIBE Committee, appraises the proposal for a Regulation of the European Parliament and of the Council establishing a European Travel Information and Authorisation System (ETIAS), adopted by the European Commission on 16 November 2016. It provides an assessment of the necessity, implications in relation to interoperability, and impact in terms of fundamental rights, including the right to personal data protection and the right to privacy. It finds that the necessity of ETIAS has not been made, that the proposal is likely to introduce interoperability through the backdoor, and that it constitutes a significant interference with fundamental rights.

Cuba, the USA and the EU: Forging Closer Ties, Looking to the Future

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Date: 30-09-2015
Author: Jesper TVEVAD
Policy area: Democracy | Foreign Affairs | Human Rights
Keyword: United States | travel | EU Member State | diplomatic relations | trade relations | economic reform | common foreign and security policy | human rights | Cuba | negotiation of an agreement (EU) | international sanctions | democracy | economic cooperation | civil society
Summary: On 1 July 2015, Cuba and the United States of America (USA) re-established formal diplomatic links, the culmination so far of the ground-breaking changes that have taken place in relations between the two countries since December 2014. At the same time, relations between Cuba and the EU are enjoying unprecedented momentum. The change in Cuba-US relations and the strengthening of the EU’s links with Cuba represent two processes that are different in nature and scope. Despite the changes in US-Cuba relations, full ‘normalisation’ remains a distant prospect, mostly due to the US economic embargo against Cuba which is likely to remain in place for the foreseeable future. In contrast, the EU and its Member States – which have full diplomatic, economic and cooperation relations with Cuba – have moved closer than at any time before to the conclusion of a Political Dialogue and Cooperation Agreement (PDCA) with Cuba.
Both the US government and the EU recognise that stronger links with Cuba will not spark any immediate transformation of the country or lead to rapid political changes or democratic opening. In this regard, the policies to promote closer relations with Cuba, including the conclusion of an EU-Cuba PDCA, could be characterised as an investment in the future.

Tourism and the European Union: Recent trends and policy developments

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Policy area: Tourism
Keyword: travel | consumer protection | EU regional policy | economic statistics | admission of aliens | small and medium-sized enterprises | electronic commerce | economic consequence | tourist exchange | consumer behaviour | tourism policy | common transport policy | EU competence | Treaty of Lisbon
Summary: Tourism is the third largest socio-economic activity in the European Union, making an important contribution to the EU economy and to job creation. Europe is the most visited region in the world. However, tourism in other regions is growing faster and Europe’s market share, in terms of international tourist arrivals and receipts, is shrinking.
Tourism businesses in the EU are confronted with a number of changes in tourist profile and behaviour, for example in terms of age, country of origin, how they plan and buy their travel, or which mode of transport they use.
Tourism policy remains a competence of the Member States. As the Treaties allow the EU only to support, coordinate or supplement the actions of the Member States, EU tourism policy has been rather limited, consisting mainly in providing financial support or legislating through other EU policies. The current framework for tourism policy is based upon a 2010 Communication; a revised strategy is expected to be adopted by the European Commission later in 2015.

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European Added Value in Action: The Added Value of EU Policy on Mobile Telephone Roaming Charges

Publication type: At a Glance
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Author: Eva CASALPRIM
Policy area: European Added Value | Consumer Protection
Keyword: single market | price reduction | telephone charges | travel | regulation of telecommunications | prices policy | mobile phone | cross-frontier data flow | consumer policy | EU law
Summary: This 'At a Glance' publication is part of a series of summaries of the added value of existing EU policies in practice. Previous publications in this series include summaries of the benefits of the European single market and the added value of EU policy in the fields of airline services and air passenger rights.

Tourism in the EU economy

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Keyword: travel | EU Member State | female work | seasonal employment | tourist profession | economic consequence | tourist exchange | travel agency | catering industry | tourism statistics | added value | hotel industry | EU statistics
Summary: Tourism plays a major role in the EU and global economies. The impact of tourism in the world economy is estimated as 9% of world GDP, while in the EU it is the third-largest socio-economic sector and has generally remained robust throughout the financial crisis. This spotlight presents some background data on selected aspects of tourism in the EU economy.

The European Union and tourism: challenges and policy responses

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Policy area: Tourism
Keyword: equitable tourism | ecological tourism | travel | EU action | product quality | World Tourism Organisation | elderly person | EU financing | rural tourism | visa policy | economic and social cohesion | competitiveness | tourism policy
Summary: As the third largest socio-economic activity in the EU, tourism is important for growth and employment. Despite the depth of the economic crisis, the tourist industry in the EU has proved resilient with numbers of tourist trips remaining high. However, long-term trends suggest Europe is losing position in the global marketplace, with new destinations gaining ever-growing market share. The Lisbon Treaty provides for faster and easier decision-making on EU measures in the field of tourism. Drawing on the new Treaty provisions, the European Commission has prepared a new policy framework, whose main objective is to make European tourism more competitive, modern, sustainable and responsible.

Study on Safety and Liability Issues Relating to Package Travel

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