

# European Parliament Hearing

Revision of the EU Package Travel Directive



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- Parliament has opportunity to bring clarity and fairness, take away room for interpretation, and afford robust and effective consumer protection
  - Online travel agents agree to be covered for any dynamic package sold at an **inclusive** price
  - Further extension of scope is arbitrary and will lead to competitive distortion to the disadvantage of travel agents that are active across the Single Market
  - Yet, most important risk – that of airline insolvency – is again NOT addressed
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# ETTSA: Suggested improvements

- Amend definition of « package » to include combinations sold in one transaction and at an **inclusive** (not total) price
- Remove provisions on « assisted travel arrangements », and instead cover real risk of airline insolvency
- Maintain helpful exemption for business travel transactions
- Clarify link between PTD and Air Passenger Rights Regulation
- Make insolvency protection levels subject to the real risk
- Create right for organisers to participate in any national scheme

# Thank you for your attention

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