Work Programme of the Tourism Task Force
1st half of 2020

As approved at the Coordinators meeting of 21 January 2020

1. **Tourism Task Force (TTF) Meetings**
   - Exchange of views with Mr Thierry Breton, the Commissioner in charge of Tourism
   - Exchange of views with International Tourism Networks, with a view to involving them in TTF activities (UNWTO, WTTC, Stakeholders and Industry Representatives) with possible topics as follows: regulatory frameworks for Tourism, digitisation, professional skills, sustainability, seasonality, interoperability and connectivity, branding Europe and governance
   - Exchange of views with Mr Zurab Pololikashvili, Secretary-General of the World Tourism Organization (UNWTO)

2. **Own-Initiative Report:**
   *Establishing an EU Strategy for Sustainable Tourism* (proposing coordinated and concrete measures, for example, a crisis management mechanism and mechanisms for effective cooperation in the tourism sector).

3. **Public Hearing:**
   *Sustainable development of cruise tourism: challenges ahead* (it is claimed that legislative and regulatory actions are necessary to support the travel and cruise industry, deemed crucial for increasing the European Union’s GDP, growth and employment levels)

4. **Other Tourism related issues:**
   - European Commission: Tourism related questions during TRAN meetings to:
     - Transport Commissioner Ms Valean
     - Vice President Mr Timmermans
   - MFF/Budget:
     - Tourism related questions to the Croatian Minister and EP Budget Rapporteur (*TRAN meeting in January*) with a follow-up letter and possible meeting with MFF Rapporteurs/ EP MFF Contact Group.
     - Meeting with Croatian Presidency by TRAN Chairwoman and TTF Steering group on budget for tourism sector
     - Coordinated preparation of PPs and PAs in tourism area.