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Work Programme for the Tourism Task Force 2nd half of 2021

as approved at the Coordinators' meeting of 16 June 2021

1. Tourism Task Force (TTF) Meetings

- J **12 July 2021** (postponed from April 2021): Exchange of views with Stakeholders on the state of play in the EU tourism sector (with special focus on micro and small tourism operators): Taking stock of how SMEs are dealing with the crisis in the middle of the summer tourism season 2021.
- J **September:** focus on enhancing **skills**: how to improve skillsets across the tourism industry
- J **November/December:** Exchange of views with the representatives of the Commission on **available EU funding for the tourism sector** within the Multiannual Financial Framework 2021-2027 & Next Generation EU.

Note - The order, dates and titles of the latest-mentioned two meetings will be confirmed at a later stage.

2. Legislative and Non-Legislative Work

1) Own-initiative Reports:

A new own-initiative report should be proposed, if and when the Commission comes out with a new communication/initiative on the tourism policy.

2) Additional Debates within the TRAN Committee on Topical Issues:

An exchange of views on ***Promoting Gender Equality in the Travel and Tourism Sector*** as a TRAN contribution to the EP Gender Mainstreaming Week in October 2021.

- 3) Plenary Debate in September on the ***operation and impact of the EU Digital COVID Certificate during the summer season 2021***. The request for this debate shall be written and lodged through a TRAN Oral Question without a resolution.
- 4) TRAN must remain involved in work with other committees on relevant tourism aspects, such as giving an opinion on both the INI reports to be drawn up by the lead committees, or on any upcoming legislation.

There are several upcoming initiatives, where TRAN must get involved, or ask for an opinion, inter alia,:

- J if ITRE draws up an INI report based on the updated **industrial strategy** (COM (2021) 350) presented to TRAN by Commissioner Breton in May;
- J if the lead committee draws up an INI report based on a Communication on the **Blue Economy** (special focus on coastal and maritime tourism) published on 17 May 2021 (Commissioner Sinkevicius);
- J if the lead committee draws an INI report based on a **Long Term vision for Rural Areas**, to be adopted by the Commission on 30 June (Commissioner Suica)

3. **Public Hearings and Studies:**

- J An ongoing 2020 research project on relaunching transport and tourism in the EU after COVID 19 is still ongoing, and a thematic briefing on tourism is to be prepared and delivered by the contractor at the beginning of 2nd half 2021.
- J Proposals to be submitted to the Coordinators within the framework of the call for studies for 2022 (*in September/October*)

Note - The Coordinators already decided for the 2021 public hearings, as well as for first hearings in 2022, thus there are no proposals for these hearings in this work programme.

4. **Cooperation with Other EU Institutions and Stakeholders**

- J Establishing and maintaining contacts with the **Slovenian** Presidency by TRAN Chairwoman and the TTF Steering Group. (*becoming involved in the European Tourism Forum, 16-18 November 2021*)
- J Maintaining close cooperation with the **Commission** (Commissioner Breton and DG GROW) at the political and operational levels. (TTF Steering Group and TRAN Secretariat)
- J Maintaining close cooperation with tourism stakeholders (including umbrella organizations, such as the UNWTO, ETC, WTTC. (TTF Steering Group and TRAN Secretariat).

Cooperation on ***the Agenda 2030/2050 for Tourism*** is one of the key topics to be further developed together with other institutions.

5. Other Tourism-Related Activities:

1. EU Budgetary Matters, including Recovery Funds

Pilot Projects and Preparatory Actions: coordinated preparation and follow-up of PPs and PAs in tourism area.

2. Providing a contribution to the Conference on the Future of Europe (format to be explored)

3. TTF keeps the right to propose and take appropriate initiatives, depending on circumstances and situation (letters, Motion for Resolution etc.)