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Work Programme for the Tourism Task Force 1st half 2022

as approved by the Coordinators' meeting of 1 December 2021

1. <u>Tourism Task Force (TTF) Meetings (during TRAN committee slots - all dates to be confirmed)</u>

• **February 2022**: Exchange of views with <u>Commissioner Breton</u> on the Transition Pathway for Tourism

Aim: to present the state of play in the green and digital transition for the tourism ecosystem: making the sector more resilient (Agenda 2030/2050)

• April 2022: Exchange of views on connectivity as a focal point for the tourism sector

Aim: to analyse possible outcomes for the tourism sector flowing from the recent proposals to make the transport sector more sustainable.

• June 2022: Exchange of views on <u>promoting Destination Europe</u>
Aim: to assess the current state of play and the usefulness of the joint promotion of EU tourism in 3rd country markets, as well as mobility patterns in tourism.

Extraordinary TTF meetings (only TTF Members):

- Updating on progress towards the co-creation of the Transition pathway for tourism: meeting with the representatives of DG GROW
- Discussion with the Commission representatives/stakeholders on the upcoming legislative proposal on short-term accommodation rental services
- Follow-up on the state of play in the tourism-related Pilot Projects and Preparatory Actions approved for 2022, in particular those proposed by TRAN Members

2. <u>Legislative and Non-Legislative Work:</u>

1) Own-initiative Reports: a new own-initiative report should be proposed, if and when the Commission issues a new communication/initiative on tourism policy (e.g. via Transition pathway for tourism).

- 2) Additional Debates within the TRAN Committee on Topical Issues, e.g.:
 - presentation of the ECA report on tourism (to be published in December)
- 3) Suggest an oral question for a <u>possible Plenary Debate</u> in spring 2022 as a follow-up on the Union's measures for the EU tourism sector, including the operation and impact of the EU Digital COVID Certificate
- 4) TRAN <u>remains involved in work with other committees</u> on relevant tourism aspects, in particular by giving its opinion on any upcoming legislative proposals or own-initiative reports to be drawn up by the lead committees.
 - Upcoming legislative proposal on the <u>short-term accommodation rental services</u> (Commission's work programme foresees during Q1 2022)
 - Plastics package (non-legislative, Q2 2022) and Zero pollution package-Revision of Regulation (EC) No 1272/2008 on classification, labelling and packaging (legislative, Q2 2022): to assess a possible impact on the hospitality sector.
- 5) Members attendance at the high-level conferences/events on tourism matters on *ad hoc* basis

3. Public Hearings and Studies:

Proposals for the public hearings and studies have to be submitted by the political groups within the framework of the call for studies and public hearings. New proposals can be submitted for the 2nd half 2022.

4. Cooperation with Other EU Institutions and Stakeholders

- Establishing and maintaining contacts with the **French Presidency** by the TRAN Chairwoman and the TTF Steering Group
- Upholding close cooperation with the **Commission** (Commissioner Breton and DG GROW) at the political and operational levels. (TTF Steering Group and TRAN Secretariat)
- Maintaining close cooperation, setting up regular meetings and considering joint initiatives with key **tourism stakeholders** (including entities, such as the UNWTO, ETC, WTTC, OECD and PATA. (TTF Steering Group and TRAN Secretariat).

5. Other Tourism-Related Activities:

- 1) <u>EU Budgetary Matters, including Recovery Funds</u> Pilot Projects and Preparatory Actions: follow-up of PPs and PAs in tourism area (see point 1 above).
- 2) Possible activities in the framework of European Year of Youth 2022
- 3) TTF keeps the right to propose and take appropriate initiatives, depending on circumstances and situation (letters, Motion for Resolution etc.)