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Overview of the Work Programme for the Tourism Task Force 1st half 2023

DRAFT STATE OF PLAY

1. Tourism Task Force (TTF) Meetings (during TRAN committee slots)

- **8 December 2022:** Exchange of views on the European Commission's initiative on short-term rentals (STRs) with stakeholders;
- **25 April 2023:** Exchange of views with Commissioner Breton (as part of the structured dialogue) on the implementation of the EU Tourism Agenda 2030 and update on new developments in the tourism sector;
- **27 June 2023:** TTF meeting with stakeholders and experts on 'A competitive and sustainable Tourism addressing the global energy crisis and emissions' reduction targets'.

2. Extraordinary TTF meetings (only TTF Members) or Steering Group meetings

None.

3. Legislative and Non-Legislative Work:

- 1) Own-initiative Reports: there was no request by TRAN Coordinators to draw up an own-initiative report on tourism matters following the adoption of the EU Agenda for Tourism.
- 2) TRAN followed up on legislative and non-legislative proposals from the Commission and remained involved in work with other committees on relevant tourism aspects:
 - TRAN voted on its opinion to REGI INI on the **Assessment of the new communication of the European Commission on Outermost Regions** on 31 January 2023;
 - On 24 May 2023, TRAN discussed the opinion on **short-term rentals** (IMCO in the lead; Rapporteur: Josianne Cutajar (S&D));
 - **Digitalisation of travel documents** and facilitation of travel (legislative, incl. impact assessment, Commission's estimates the publishing of their proposal in Q3 2023);
 - Revision of the **passenger rights regulatory framework** (legislative, incl. impact assessment, Commission's estimates the publishing of their proposal in Q2 2023);
 - Revision of the **Package Travel Directive** (legislative, incl. impact assessment, Commission estimates the publishing of their proposal Q2 2023).

3. Public Hearings and Studies:

- There were no specific tourism related issues among the selected proposals for public hearings for the second half of 2023 (agreed by TRAN Coordinators on 1st March 2023).
- On 26 October 2022, TRAN Coordinators agreed on a study on the impact of new climate policies on the outermost regions in the transport and tourism sectors, and mobility poverty in outermost regions (procedure still to be launched).

4. Cooperation with Other EU Institutions and Stakeholders

- Establishing and maintaining contacts with the **Swedish Presidency** by TRAN Chairwoman and the TTF Steering Group:
 - 31 January 2023: EoV in TRAN committee meeting. In the absence of the Swedish Minister in charge of tourism matters, Mr. Andreas Carlson, Minister for Infrastructure and Housing, in charge of Transport, gave a state of play of the situation of the tourism sector. He stressed the importance of close collaboration to make the tourism sector more competitive, sustainable and resilient and committed to actively taking part in the implementation of the 2030 Tourism Agenda.
- Upholding close cooperation with the **Commission** (Commissioner Breton in the context of the structured dialogue and DG GROW) at the political and operational levels (TTF Steering Group and TRAN Secretariat). TRAN Chairwoman, Karima Delli, took part in the European Tourism Day, organised by the Commission on 5 May 2023, together with Commissioner Thierry Breton.
- Maintaining cooperation, setting up meetings and considering joint initiatives with key **tourism stakeholders** (including entities, such as the UNWTO, ETC, WTTC, OECD and PATA, for example a dialogue with global partners on the theme “Tourism outlook to the World”);
- Upholding close cooperation with the **Committee of Regions (CoR)**. The Commission for Natural Resources (NAT) had a meeting on 31st January 2023, where the proposal on STRs is on the agenda; EP Rapporteur for IMCO (Kim VAN SPARRENTAK (Greens)) took part in the debate. The rapporteur of the opinion on STR Regulation was invited to TRAN meeting on May 24.
- Upholding close cooperation with the **European Economic and Social Committee (EESC)**. The rapporteur of the opinion on STR regulation was invited to TRAN meeting on May 24.

5. Other Tourism-Related Activities:

- 1) Budgetary matters: Preparatory Action tabled on the topic ‘Upskilling and reskilling the Tourism Ecosystem / Tourism Knowledge hub and Tourism Data Space’. This PA is in line with the preparatory action, entitled “Tourism of Tomorrow Lab” (PA 032205) tabled by the Tourism Task Force in 2021 for the 2022 budget exercise. This PA aims to support destination management organisations (DMOs), SMEs and other tourism stakeholders to fully participate in the preparation of the tourism data space and the

Tourism Knowledge hub by easing their access through the creation of multiple tools. This project also takes into consideration the Skills Partnership for the Tourism Ecosystem.

- 2) TRAN missions usually cover subjects related to tourism. Missions and ad-hoc delegations to the following countries are planned during the 1st half of 2023:
 - 3-5 April 2023: Mission to Italy (Genoa/Florence): There was no specific meeting devoted to tourism. However, during the visit to the airport in Florence, the issue of touristic flows' management was tackled.
 - 15-17 May 2023: Ad-hoc delegation to Jakarta, Indonesia: The TRAN delegation met with the Indonesian Minister in charge of tourism as well as with a number of travel and tourism associations. They discussed trends and changes in the tourism sector over the last years, in the light of the consecutive crises, the increasing importance of sustainability and they exchanged best practices. There was also a visit of a mangrove ecotourism site in the centre of Jakarta.
- 3) Members attendance at the high-level conferences/events on tourism matters on *ad hoc* basis.
- 4) TTF keeps the right to propose and take appropriate initiatives, depending on circumstances and situation (letters, Motion for Resolution, Plenary debates etc.).