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Work Programme for the Tourism Task Force 2nd half 2023

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

- **Week 43 - 25-26 October 2023 (tbc): Exchange of views with stakeholders on the *Package Travel Directive*** (title to be confirmed);
- **Week 48 - 29-30 November 2023 (tbc): Exchange of views with Kerstin Jorna, Director-General, DG GROW on the:**
 - Commission **Communication on data space** (expected to be adopted in end July 2023) - *also linked to TRAN pilot action on Tourism Knowledge hub and Tourism Data Space as well as with the Technical Support Instrument (TSI) and the ongoing implementation of the tourism flagship.*
 - and on the
 - State of play on the **implementation of the tourism pathway and EU Tourism Agenda 2030** (first report by the Commission expected to be published by the end of 2023) - *would take place before publication of the implementation report, but the EC will already have made substantial progress on it and it will allow Members to react to it.*
- **Week 49 - 7 December 2023 (tbc): Exchange of views with stakeholders on *Digitalising travel documents to make travelling easier and easing payments services*** (title to be confirmed)

2. Extraordinary TTF meetings (only TTF Members)

- **End September - beginning October (tbc): Extraordinary TTF meeting with Valentina Superti, Director, DG GROW, on the:**
 - Commission **Communication on data space** and on the
 - **State of play on the TRAN PPs / PAs**, including the crisis management mechanism, technical assistance and the tourism of future lab.

3. Legislative and Non-Legislative Work:

- 1) **Own-initiative Reports:** No INI on tourism has been requested as part of the TRAN Coordinators' decision on 21 March 2023.

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:

- **Short-term rentals** (IMCO in the lead; Rapporteur: Josianne Cutajar (S&D)). Vote in TRAN planned in July 2023;
- Revision of the **Passenger rights regulatory framework** (legislative, incl. impact assessment, to be presented in the scrutiny board beginning of July, Commission's estimates the publishing of their proposal in Q2 2023);
- Revision of the **Package Travel Directive** (legislative, incl. impact assessment, to be presented in the scrutiny board beginning of July, Commission estimates the publishing of their proposal Q2 2023);
- **Digitalisation of travel documents** and facilitation of travel (legislative, incl. impact assessment, Commission's estimates the publishing of their proposal in Q3 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).
- It is proposed to request a study on the interconnection between the “**Silver Economy**” / **longevity economy and the tourism industry**. Such a request should be part of the annual research programme, which is decided upon by TRAN Coordinators.
The ageing population is a long-term trend that is radically changing European society. Areas such as health, employment and social security are being redefined according to demographic changes and emerging notion of “Silver Economy”. This trend has also considerable impact on increasing tourism demand so that the sector must face a redefinition of its products, services and activities. The topic is linked to the transition pathway, to diversity in tourism, to seasonal aspects as well as to social aspects, which the Spanish Presidency intends to underline.

4. Cooperation with Other EU Institutions and Stakeholders

- Establishing and maintaining contacts with the **Spanish Presidency** by TRAN Chairwoman and the TTF Steering Group:
 - **19 September 2023 (tbc)**: EoV in TRAN committee meeting. Since there will be elections in Spain in July, the EoV needs to be postponed at a later stage, ideally on 19 September afternoon;
 - Possible participation in the European Tourism Forum (Palma de Mallorca, 30 October 2023) and Informal Tourism Council (Palma de Mallorca, 31 October 2023) (tbc);
 - Possible meeting of the representative from the Spanish Presidency and the TTF Steering Group Members.
- Upholding close cooperation with the **Commission** (Commissioner Breton and DG GROW) at the political and operational levels (TTF Steering Group and TRAN Secretariat).

- 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)** and the **European Economic and Social Committee (EESC)**.

5. Other Tourism-Related Activities:

- 1) Budgetary matters: Pilot Projects (PP) and Preparatory Actions (PA), including follow-up of PA on the topic ‘Upskilling and reskilling the Tourism Ecosystem / Tourism Knowledge hub and Tourism Data Space’.
- 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:
 - Week 30: Mission to Italy (Naples/Ischia)
 - Week 44: Ad-hoc delegation to Japan.
- 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.).