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Tourism Task Force: the work programme 1st half of 2024 (*until 18 April 2024*)

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[Approved by TRAN Coordinators on 29 November 2023]

1. **Tourism Task Force (TTF) meetings** (during the TRAN committee slots)
 - **Week 4 (23 January 2024):** *Presentation by the EU Presidency of the priorities in the field of tourism.*
 - **Week 10 (4 March 2024, tbc):** *Transition pathway for tourism. Presentation by the European Commission of the 2023 stocktaking report, which will provide a structured analysis of the measures and present the recommendations should there be a need to revise the measures, targets or support mechanisms.*
2. **Extraordinary TTF meetings** (only TTF Members)
 - *If needed*
3. **Legislative and Non-Legislative Work**
 - 1) **Own-initiative Reports:** INI on tourism could be envisaged for the beginning of next legislature.
 - 2) TRAN followed up on the legislative and non-legislative proposals from the Commission and remained **involved in the work with the other committees** on relevant tourism aspects. The ongoing procedures will be transferred to the next legislature:
 - **Digitalisation of travel documents and facilitation of travel** (legislative, incl. the impact assessment. The Commission expects its proposal to be published in Q4 2023);
 - Revision of the **Passenger rights regulatory framework** (legislative, incl. the impact assessment. The Commission expects its proposal to be published in Q4 2023);
 - Revision of the **Package Travel Directive** (legislative, incl. the impact assessment. The Commission expects its proposal to be published in Q4 2023; adoption is foreseen on 29 November 2023).

3. Public Hearings and Studies

- There were no specific tourism related issues among the selected proposals on public hearings for the 1st half of 2024 (agreed by TRAN Coordinators on 25 October 2023).
- **On 25 October 2023**, TRAN Coordinators approved the TRAN research programme 2024 regarding the study on the ***Silver Economy / longevity economy and the tourism industry***. *(It is expected that the study will be ready Q3-Q4, 2024).*

4. Cooperation with the other EU Institutions and stakeholders

- Establishing and maintaining contacts with the **Belgian Presidency** by TRAN Chairwoman and the TTF Steering Group.
 - ***Discussion on the priorities in the field of tourism by the EU Presidency.*** *(Bilateral meeting between the Chairwoman, the TTF Steering Group Members and Ms Valérie De Bue, Belgian Minister of Tourism requested by the TTF SG Members TBC).*
- Upholding close cooperation with the **Commission** (DG GROW) at the political and operational levels (TTF Steering Group and TRAN Secretariat).
- 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: Due to the European elections, the budgetary procedure next year will be different. The PP-PAs pre-assessment will be organised in two rounds: the deadline for current Members will be in March and for newly elected Members – in September 2024
- 2) TRAN missions: no TRAN missions/delegations are foreseen for the 1st half of 2024 due to the electoral period.
- 3) Members' participation in the high-level conferences/events on tourism matters on the *ad hoc* basis.
- 4) Depending on the circumstances and the situation, TTF keeps the right to submit proposals and take appropriate initiatives (draft letters, motions for resolution, propose plenary debates, etc.).

Note:

- Exchange of views with stakeholders on ***Digitalising travel documents to make travelling easier and easing payments services*** (as the Commission postponed publishing of the proposal, this meeting will be postponed for the 2nd half 2024)