WRITTEN DECLARATION

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on skills and competences in the tourism industry

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Written declaration, under Rule 136 of Parliament’s Rules of Procedure, on skills and competences in the tourism industry

1. The tourism sector provides employment for 15.2 million European citizens.

2. Many parts of the tourism sector in the EU suffer from a lack of both soft and management skills.

3. Recruitment of staff in the tourism industry tends to remain difficult, particularly for high-level skills. Innovative educational pathways leading into tourism occupations, social dialogue and lifelong learning culture are therefore needed.

4. The Commission is called upon to give greater priority to the development of skills in the tourism industry by elaborating a Tourism Workforce Development Strategy and ensuring that future revisions of political frameworks refer directly to skills upgrading in this sector.

5. The Commission is also called upon to consider the possibility of establishing a European Academy for training workers in the tourism industry and to promote better use of existing programmes such as Erasmus+ to support mobility and transfer of skills in the tourism industry.

6. This declaration, together with the names of the signatories, is forwarded to the Council and the Commission.

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