## <u>Press release - COVID-19 crisis: MEPs</u> <u>discuss plans to safely resume travel</u> and reboot tourism



The European Commission will <u>present the package of guidelines and recommendations</u> adopted on 13 May to help gradually lift travel restrictions across Europe and allow tourism businesses to reopen after months of lockdown.

When: Thursday, 28 May 2020, 10.00 - 12.00 CEST

Where: European Parliament, Antall building, room 4Q1, Brussels

The meeting will be livestreamed <a href="here">here</a> (Parliament's Multimedia Centre).

Members of the Committee on Transport and Tourism will be able to participate remotely. Committee Chair <u>Karima Delli</u> (Greens/EFA, FR), as well as a few other MEPs, will be present in the meeting room.

## **Background**

## Timeline:

- 24 March 2020: Members of the Tourism Task Force of the Transport and Tourism Committee <u>call on the Commission to present a tourism rescue</u> <u>action plan</u>, which ensures timely national and European assistance for the travel and tourism sector, including via national compensation schemes and financial aid instruments, and establishes a crisismanagement mechanism for the sector.
- 21 April 2020: The Parliament's Transport and Tourism Committee

reiterates, in a <u>debate with Commissioner Thierry Breton</u>, that the tourism sector needs more support in the ongoing COVID-19 crisis through specific measures, funding, increased EU-level coordination and a targeted roadmap.

The Commission's package includes:

## Information to the media

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