European tourism of the future

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Consultation on the European tourism of the future

Objectives of the consultation

Tourism is the 3rd largest economic sector in the EU after trade & distribution and construction. Despite increasing competition, the EU managed so far to remain the world's n°1 tourist destination. Its tourism industry however is confronted with various changes in the EU and the rest of the world - see description in downloadable file below. These (will) have a major impact on the structure of the tourism sector and its activities.

The main objectives of this consultation are twofold: better identify the key challenges and opportunities for the European tourism industry; help revising, if necessary, the Action Plan for the sector adopted by the European Commission in 2010 (COM(2010)352). The European Commission is organising in parallel another consultation on ways to further reduce the regulatory and administrative burden on the sector, tourism-related public administrations and other tourism stakeholders in the EU.

Target groups

The consultation is mainly targeting tourism-related businesses, business associations, trade unions, public authorities at all levels, as well as (members of) academic institution, think tanks and NGOs.

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1. Respondent profile

1.1. You are / belong to*									
Micro or small enterprise (up to 49 employees, turnover less than €10 million)									
Medium enterprise (from 50 to 249 employees, turnover less than €50 million)									
Large enterprise (250 or more employees; turnover over €50 million)									
Regional business association									
National business association									
 European business association 									
National trade union									
European trade union									
Regional or local public body (administration)									
National public body (administration)									
Multi-national/ European public body									
Academic institution or think tank									
Non Governmental Organisation									
Other (specify)									
mainly responsible for									
tourism policy-making									
tourism promotion									
1.2. Name*									
1.3. Job title									
1.5. GOD title									
1.4. Name of the entity you represent									
where appropriate									
1.5. Email address									
to contact you in case we need to clarify some of your answers									

1.6. In	which country are you / your entity based?*
	EU country
	Other (specify):
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	Austria
	Belgium
	Bulgaria
	Croatia
	Cyprus
	Czech Republic
	Denmark
	Estonia
	Finland
	France
	Greece
	Germany
	Hungary
	Ireland
	Italy
	Latvia
	Lithuania
	Luxembourg
	Malta
	Netherlands
	Poland
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1.7. On which market are you mainly active?
Select one or more*
Tourism in general
Adventure tourism
Business tourism
Cultural tourism (including industrial heritage)
Eco-tourism (cycling, horse-back riding, hiking)
Educational tourism (school trips, seminar vacation, study abroad experience)
Fishing / hunting tourism
Gastronomic tourism
Health & wellness tourism
Nature tourism
Social tourism
Other
Please specify
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1.9. Do you consent to the publication of your reply and name?

Contributions to public consultations are normally made public together with personal data, unless you say otherwise. Please indicate your choice below.*

- We / I consent to the publication of this reply, personal data included
- We / I consent to the publication of this reply in an anonymous form
- We / I do not consent to the publication of this reply

2. Challenges & opportunities

$2.1. \ Assess \ the \ likely \ impact \ of \ the \ following \ challenges \ for \ your \ business \ in \ the \ next \ 5 \ to \ 10 \ years$

from 1 (not concerned) to 5 (very serious concern)

	1	2	3	4	5
Seasonality	0	0	0	0	0
Difficulty to find skilled professionals (linguistic skills,)	0	0	0	0	0
Difficulty to keep skilled professionals	0	0	0	0	0
Difficulty to cope with IT developments	0	0	0	0	0
Growing competition from other EU destinations	0	0	0	0	0
Growing competition from non-EU destinations	0	0	0	0	0
Growing request for customized experiences	0	0	0	0	0
Growing request for new products (diversification)	0	0	0	0	0
Climate change	0	0	0	0	0
Other environmental sustainability threats (scarcity and pressure on natural resources and habitats)	0	0	0	0	©
Socio-cultural sustainability threats (e.g. absorption capacity of a local population to cope with a large number of tourists with very different cultural habits)	0	0	0	0	0
Safety threats (safety of accommodations)	0	0	0	0	0
Security threats (criminality and terrorists attacks)	0	0	0	0	0
Regulatory & administrative burden for businesses (difficulty to get visas,). See also consultation on regulatory and administrative burdens	0	0	0	0	0
Tourism-related taxation	0	0	0	0	0
Other	0	0	0	0	0

Please specify			

2.2. How important could the following opportunities be for your business?

from 1 (no important at all) to 5 (very important)

	1	2	3	4	5
Repositioning on senior market	0	0	0	0	0
Repositioning on the youth market	0	0	0	0	0
Repositioning on the family market	0	0	0	0	0
Repositioning on domestic tourism	0	0	0	0	0
Repositioning on <i>non-EU tourists from developed economies</i> (such as USA, Japan,)	0	0	0	0	0
Repositioning on non-EU tourists from EU neighbouring economies	0	0	0	0	0
Repositioning on <i>non-EU tourists from emerging economies</i> (Brazil, China,)	0	0	0	0	0
Greater use of IT developments (e-commerce platform)	0	0	0	0	0
Greening businesses	0	0	0	0	0
Other	0	0	0	0	0

Please specify
2.3. How do you intend to exploit these opportunities?
Select one or more
Developing new products / services
Increasing the quality of existing products / services in general
Giving a larger share to "real" experiences
Increasing the accessibility of sites / accommodation / modes of transport
Decreasing the price of existing products / services
Developing all-inclusive but more customised packages
Improving your website (e.g. by offering more precise and up-to-date information)
Developing new marketing approaches (e.g. use of social networks)
Finding new distribution channels (e.g. franchising)
Other
Please specify

2.4. Explain concretely how you would exploit these opportunities									
Supplying tourism services usua	ally red	quire t	he col	labora	ation o	f many actors. They form a value chain.			
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to 5 (my main suppliers have to accept their to									
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Negotiating with main customers	0	0	0	0	0				
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	Don't know							
Please	specify							
Please	Please specify the transport sector (aviation, train,)							

2.8. Between your suppliers and customers, where do you see yourself in 5 to 10 years from now?

2.10. Which sectors are likely to be the biggest winners in 5 to 10 years?
Select one or more*
Accommodation (hotels,) Attractions (theme park,) Marketing & advertising agencies Meeting, conference & events organisers On-line booking companies Restaurants & cafés Tour operators Trainers Transporters Travel agents Other Don't know
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Please specify the transport sector (aviation, train,)
2. Challenges & opportunities

2.1. Assess the likely impact of the following challenges for your sector in the next 5 to 10 years

from 1 (not concerned) to 5 (very serious concern)

	1	2	3	4	5
Seasonality	0	0	0	0	0
Difficulty to find skilled professionals (linguistic skills,)	0	0	0	0	0
Difficulty to keep skilled professionals	0	0	0	0	0
Difficulty to cope with IT developments	0	0	0	0	0
Growing competition from other EU destinations	0	0	0	0	0
Growing competition from non-EU destinations	0	0	0	0	0
Growing request for customized experiences	0	0	0	0	0
Growing request for new products (diversification)	0	0	0	0	0
Climate change	0	0	0	0	0
Other environmental sustainability threats (scarcity and pressure on natural resources and habitats)	0	0	0	0	0
Socio-cultural sustainability threats (e.g. absorption capacity of a local population to cope with a large number of tourists with very different cultural habits)	0	0	0	0	0
Safety threats (safety of accommodations)	0	0	0	0	0
Security threats (criminality and terrorists attacks)	0	0	0	0	0
Regulatory & administrative burden for businesses (difficulty to get visas,). See also consultation on regulatory and administrative burdens	0	0	0	0	0
Tourism-related taxation	0	0	0	0	0
Other	0	0	0	0	0

Please specify			

2.2. How important could the following opportunities be for your sector?

from 1 (no important at all) to 5 (very important)

	1	2	3	4	5
Repositioning on senior market	0	0	0	0	0
Repositioning on the youth market	0	0	0	0	0
Repositioning on the family market	0	0	0	0	0
Repositioning on domestic tourism	0	0	0	0	0
Repositioning on <i>non-EU tourists from developed economies</i> (such as USA, Japan,)	0	0	0	0	0
Repositioning on non-EU tourists from EU neighbouring economies	0	0	0	0	0
Repositioning on <i>non-EU tourists from emerging economies</i> (Brazil, China,)	0	0	0	0	0
Greater use of IT developments (e-commerce platform)	0	0	0	0	0
Greening businesses	0	0	0	0	0
Other	0	0	0	0	0

Please specify	
2.3. How does your sector intend to exploit these opportunities?	
Select one or more	
Developing new products / services	
Increasing the quality of existing products / services in general	
Giving a larger share to "real" experiences	
Increasing the accessibility of sites / accommodation / modes of transport	
Decreasing the price of existing products / services	
Developing all-inclusive but more customised packages	
Improving your website (e.g. by offering more precise and up-to-date information)	
Developing new marketing approaches (e.g. use of social networks)	
Finding new distribution channels (e.g. franchising)	
Other	
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2.4. Explain concretely how your sec	tor w	ould e	xploit	these	oppoi	rtunities
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Negotiating with main suppliers	0	0	0	0	0	
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	1	2	3	4	5	
Negotiating with main customers	0	0	0	0	0	_
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2.7. Between its suppliers and its cu	stome	ers, is	your s	ector		
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Please	specify
Please	specify the transport sector (aviation, train,)

2.8. Between its suppliers and its customers, where do you see your sector in 5 to 10 years

2.10. Which sectors are likely to be the biggest winners in 5 to 10 years?
Select one or more*
Accommodation (hotels,) Attractions (theme park,) Marketing & advertising agencies Meeting, conference & events organisers On-line booking companies Restaurants & cafés Tour operators Trainers Transporters Travel agents Other Don't know
Please specify
Please specify the transport sector (aviation, train,)
2. Challenges & opportunities

2.1. Assess the likely impact of the following challenges for the European Tourism Industry in the next 5 to 10 years

from 1 (not concerned) to 5 (very serious concern)

	1	2	3	4	5
Seasonality	0	0	0	0	0
Difficulty to find skilled professionals (linguistic skills,)	0	0	0	0	0
Difficulty to keep skilled professionals	0	0	0	0	0
Difficulty to cope with IT developments	0	0	0	0	0
Growing competition from other EU destinations	0	0	0	0	0
Growing competition from non-EU destinations	0	0	0	0	0
Growing request for customized experiences	0	0	0	0	0
Growing request for new products (diversification)	0	0	0	0	0
Climate change	0	0	0	0	0
Other environmental sustainability threats (scarcity and pressure on natural resources and habitats)	0	0	0	0	0
Socio-cultural sustainability threats (e.g. absorption capacity of a local population to cope with a large number of tourists with very different cultural habits)	0	0	0	0	0
Safety threats (safety of accommodations)	0	0	0	0	0
Security threats (criminality and terrorists attacks)	0	0	0	0	0
Regulatory & administrative burden for businesses (difficulty to get visas,). See also consultation on regulatory and administrative burdens	0	©	©	0	©
Tourism-related taxation	0	0	0	0	0
Other	0	0	0	0	0

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2.2. How important could the following opportunities be for the European Tourism Industry?

from 1 (no important at all) to 5 (very important)

	1	2	3	4	5
Repositioning on senior market	0	0	0	0	0
Repositioning on the <i>youth</i> market	0	0	0	0	0
Repositioning on the family market	0	0	0	0	0
Repositioning on domestic tourism	0	0	0	0	0
Repositioning on <i>non-EU tourists from developed economies</i> (such as USA, Japan,)	0	0	0	0	0
Repositioning on non-EU tourists from EU neighbouring economies	0	0	0	0	0
Repositioning on <i>non-EU tourists from emerging economies</i> (Brazil, China,)	0	0	0	0	0
Greater use of IT developments (e-commerce platform)	0	0	0	0	0
Greening businesses	0	0	0	0	0
Other	0	0	0	0	0

Please specify
2.3. How should the European Tourism Industry exploit these opportunities?
Select one or more
Developing new products / services
Increasing the quality of existing products / services in general
Giving a larger share to "real" experiences
Increasing the accessibility of sites / accommodation / modes of transport
Decreasing the price of existing products / services
Developing all-inclusive but more customised packages
Improving your website (e.g. by offering more precise and up-to-date information)
Developing new marketing approaches (e.g. use of social networks)
Finding new distribution channels (e.g. franchising)
Other
Please specify
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2.4. Expl	ain concretely how these opportunities could be exploited
Supp	lying tourism services usually require the collaboration of many actors. They form a value chain.
	categories of suppliers are stronger for various reasons. They are for instance in a position to pass on
	ases in energy costs to their customers while other have to reduce their profit margin. The following
•	tions help identify which sub-sectors are particularly vulnerable or performing particularly well,
HOW I	nuch leverage they have when buying and selling
2.5. Whic	ch sectors are the biggest winners in the "tourism value chain"?
Select	one or more*
	accommodation (hotels,)
	attractions (theme park,)
	Marketing & advertising agencies
	Meeting, conference & events organisers
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Please specify the transport sector (aviation, train,)
2.6. Which sectors are likely to be the biggest winners in 5 to 10 years?
Select one or more*
Accommodation (hotels,)
Attractions (theme park,)
Marketing & advertising agencies
Meeting, conference & events organisers
On-line booking companies
Restaurants & cafés
Tour operators
Trainers
Transporters
Travel agents
Other
□ Don't know
Please specify
Please specify the transport sector (aviation, train,)
3. Priorities for future EU policy and actions
3.1. What should the EU do by priority to support the competitiveness of its tourism industry? Select one or more*
Regulatory environment
Investment
Support to the promotion & development of tourism products
Better knowledge of the evolution of the sector
Better governance of the sector

Regulatory environment

Please score the following actions sector from: 1 (not a priority) to 5 (top priority)

	1	2	3	4	5
Visa facilitation					
Quality standards (accommodation, accessibility)					
Agreements with non-EU countries (e.g. memorandum of understanding on the cooperation between this country and the EU on tourism issues)					
Other					

Plea	ase specify				

Investment

Please score the following actions sector from: 1 (not a priority) to 5 (top priority)

	1	2	3	4	5
Research and innovation for tourism					
Support the development / reinforcement of large <i>clusters and networks</i> (European Enterprise Network)					
Better energy efficiency					
Better infrastructures for accessibility (transports)					
Training schemes					
Mobility schemes					
Access to finance schemes					
Other					

Please specify		

Support to the promotion & development of tourism products

Please score the following actions sector from: 1 (not a priority) to 5 (top priority)

	1	2	3	4	5
EU branding (promoting Europe as a unique and high quality destination)					
New European products in general to diversy EU offer					
European products around cultural and industrial heritage					
European products around gastronomy					
European products around festivals					
European products around adventure					
European products around <i>eco-tourism</i> (cycling, horse-back riding, hiking)					
European products around health and wellness (spas)					
European products around social tourism					
European products around <i>educational</i> tourism (school trips, seminar vacation, study abroad experience)					
European products around fishing / hunting					
European products around <i>nature</i> (wild life observation)					
Synergies between tourism and <i>creative industries</i> (advertising, IT, arts & crafts, luxury goods,)					
Other					

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tter knowledge of the evolution of the sector					
Please score the following actions sector from: 1 (not a priority) to 5 (top priority					
	1	2	3	4	5
European statistics showing the importance of the sector in terms of growth and jobs					
Other European statistics					
Development of <i>common indicators</i> (e.g. for the sustainable management of tourist destinations, competitiveness, innovation)					
Analytical reports					
Other					
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Better governance of the tourism sector

Please score the following actions sector from: 1 (not a priority) to 5 (top priority)

	1	2	3	4	5
Setting up an EU tourism platform with all key European industry stakeholders to monitor trends and make recommendations					
Setting up a high level group of independent tourism policy experts to monitor trends and make recommendations					
Encouraging European sectoral associations to maintain an open and modern management structure					
Supporting the coordination between the various levels of public authorities					
Benchmarking / publicising and exchanging good practices					
Other					
2. Could you roughly estimate the benefits of what you see as the most in	nportai	nt prio	rity?		
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For my sector at national level, from (€)
to (€)
For my sector at EU level,
from (€)
to (€)
For the EU tourism industry in general,
from (€)
to (€)

Comments and Suggestions

Respondents may upload a file developing in more details their vision for the future of the European tourism sector