

CONSUMER PROTECTION

Title	Type of initiative	Scope and objectives	Status & timing
Revision of package travel Directive	Legislative COM(2013)512	To enhance the functioning of the Internal Market and achieve a high level of consumer protection through the approximation of Member States' legislative, regulatory and administrative rules on packages and other combinations of travel services.	Proposal adopted July 2013, EP first reading Mar 2014, Council general approach Dec 2014. Start of EP & Council negotiations
Green Paper on the safety of tourism accommodation services	Non-legislative	To check whether the existing safety instruments and their implementation throughout the EU are adequate and sufficient by assessing the safety risks and their potential link to flaws or gaps in the current legislative framework, and to what extent they have an impact on the provision of such services across borders as well as on SMEs and vulnerable consumers, in order to make a clear distinction of what objectives are best met at which level.	Results of consultation expected in 1 st quarter 2015
Evaluation of timeshare Directive	Non-legislative	Evaluation of Directive 2008/122/EC on the protection of consumers in respect of certain aspects of timeshare, long-term holiday product, resale and exchange contracts. Results expected for 2015.	2015 work programme
Fitness check of legislative framework related to consumer rights and advertising	Non-legislative	Fitness Check on legal acts related to consumer rights and advertising including: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Directive 2005/29/EC on unfair business to consumer commercial practices; • Directive 1999/44/EC on certain aspects of the sale of consumer goods and associated guarantees; • Directive 93/13/EC on unfair terms in consumer contracts. 	2015 work programme
Simplification of misleading and comparative advertising Directive	Legislative	Simplify and streamline the scope of protection in business-to-business transactions. It addresses the problem of misleading marketing practices through on-line or other means of distance communication.	2015 work programme

TRANSPORT

Title	Type of initiative	Scope and objectives	Status & timing
Revision of air passenger rights Regulations (261/2004 and 2027/97)	Legislative COM(2013)0130	Promote the interest of air passengers by ensuring that air carriers comply with a high level of air passenger protection during travel disruptions, while taking into account the financial implications for the air transport sector and ensuring that air carriers operate under harmonised conditions in a liberalised market.	Proposal adopted Mar 2013, EP first reading Feb 2014, waiting for Council position – blocked

			due to Gibraltar issue
Revision of slot allocation Regulation (part of airport package)	Legislative COM(2011)0827	Recast of Regulation 95/93 in order to i) ensure optimal allocation and use of airport slots in congested airports; ii) ensure strengthened and effectively implemented slot allocation and use and iii) enhance fair competition and competitiveness of operators.	Proposal adopted Dec 2011, EP first reading Dec 2012, waiting for Council position - blocked
Revision of groundhandling Directive (part of airport package)	Legislative COM(2011)0824	Improve the efficiency and the overall quality of groundhandling services at Union airports for end-users (airlines) and final users (passengers and freight forwarders).	Proposal adopted Dec 2011, EP first reading Apr 2013, waiting for Council position - blocked
Aviation package	Non-legislative	The package will include a Communication identifying challenges and measures for improving the competitiveness of the EU Aviation sector, the revision of the EASA Regulation 216/2008.	2015 work programme

INTERNAL MARKET

Title	Type of initiative	Scope and objectives	Status & timing
Revision of insurance mediation Directive	Legislative COM(2012)0360	Improve policyholder protection in the aftermath of the financial crisis. This is achieved, among other, by abrogating all exemptions from the Directive, including the mediation of travel insurance. Less burdensome registration and professional qualification requirements are proposed for those selling simple insurance products.	Proposal adopted Jul 2012, EP 1 st reading Feb 2012, Council position Nov 2014. Start of EP and Council negotiations
Commission Implementing Regulation introducing a European professional card for certain professions	Legislative	Introduce the EPC for a selected number of profession(s) and lay down the measures necessary to ensure uniform application of the EPC provisions.	2014 work programme
Internal Market strategy for goods and services	Legislative / non-legislative	Setting a strategy for an integrated approach for the Single Market, to deliver further integration and improve mutual recognition and standardisation in key industrial and services sectors, including among other regulated professions	2015 work programme

HOME AFFAIRS

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Revision of the visa code	Legislative COM(2014)0164	The proposed amendments, while maintaining security at the external borders and ensuring the good functioning of the Schengen area, make travel easier for legitimate travellers and simplify the legal framework.	Proposal adopted Oct 2014, currently in 1 st reading in EP and Council
EU PNR Directive	Legislative COM(2007) 654 final	The proposal aims to harmonise Member States' provisions on obligations for air carriers operating flights between a third country and the territory of at least one Member State, to transmit PNR data to the competent authorities for the purpose of preventing, detecting, investigating and prosecuting terrorist offences and serious crime.	Proposal adopted in 2011, EP rejected proposal. EP considering re-launch of legislative procedure in light of growing terrorist threats. Commission and Council wish to reopen debate.
Transfer of PNR data to third countries		The initiative aims at strengthening security through the transfer of PNR data to third countries by ensuring that such transfers are carried out on an appropriate legal basis which ensures a high level of protection of personal data and fundamental rights. It shall ensure a swift EU reaction to a third country request for PNR data and that MS can benefit from reciprocity if they request PNR data from that third country.	2014 work programme
Data protection reform	Legislative COM/2012/0011	Reforming the rules relating to the protection of individuals with regard to the processing of personal data and rules relating to the free movement of personal data.	Proposal adopted in 2012, EP 1 st reading Mar 2014, partial general approach in Council Dec 2014 – waiting for Council position

TAXATION

Title	Type of initiative	Scope and objectives	Status & timing
VAT on passenger transport	Non-legislative	Consultation – part of impact assessment study in view of legislative proposal	2 nd quarter of 2015

OTHER

Title	Type of initiative	Scope and objectives	Status & timing
Communication on Tourism	Non-legislative	Setting a strategy for Europe's Tourism for the years 2015-2020. <i>Note: This may include three initiatives, notably initiative to promote low and</i>	Announced for 2015

		<i>medium season tourism (focus on senior tourism), a Charter on sustainable tourism and something on skills.</i>	
European Accessibility Act		(i) Improvement of the functioning of the Internal Market in relation to accessible goods and services in creating economies of scale and remedying market failures; (ii) Harmonisation of accessibility requirements in Europe addressing barriers across Member States due to diverging legislations; (iii) Stimulating innovation in the accessibility field through the development and use of European standards; etc	2014 work programme
Digital Single Market Package	Legislative/ Non-legislative	The aim is to ensure that consumers enjoy cross-border access to digital services, create a level-playing field for companies and create the conditions for a vibrant digital economy and society.	2015 work programme
Proposal for an inter-institutional agreement on better law-making	Legislative	Legislative proposal to update and strengthen the common understanding with the EP and the Council in relation to better regulation. <i>Note: This proposal should be monitored by ECTAA, as it will provide clarification on the conditions allowing the Commission to withdraw a proposal for the sake of better regulation.</i>	2015 work programme