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## **Preparation Module**

### **Committee on Transport and Tourism**

Dear delegates of the Committee on Transport and Tourism,

The topic of the committee is the matter of maintaining job security in the tourism sector and finding ways to ensure and sustainable ways to travel.

Please inform yourself about the entire scope of the topic. Gather relevant information to truly have an in depth understanding of the topic. Research how the labour situation currently is in the domain of travel and tourism and further research ways we can reduce the negative climate impact these sectors have. How can the EU aid in ensuring job security for millions of people across the Union and also prevent and counteract potential labour shortages? These, and many more, are questions you should all be able to answer, and debate during our committee sessions, in order to create a comprehensive and strong resolution to the issue.

The committee presidency has linked a few helpful materials for your research below, however we encourage you all to research deeper than just what we have prepared for you. It will be necessary for all delegates to have a basic understanding of our topic and also the issue at hand.

If you have any questions, feel free to contact us.

Your Committee Presidency

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### **Introduction to the topics:**

The tourism industry is a vital element in the EU and Austrian economies with many people coming from abroad but also many travelling domestically or within the Union. Therefore, it is of utmost importance to resolve the issues these industries are faced with and continuously strive to improve.

Our committee is tasked to tackle two issues of major importance.

### **The question of job security in the tourism sector:**

On the one hand we will have to take a closer look at employment within the tourism and travel industries and make sure job security is secured and staff shortages are prevented.

### **The question of sustainable tourism:**

Further we are tasked to reduce carbon emissions and the overall negative climate impact. The committee will have to find viable solutions that are effective but also do not put a massive strain on our economy.

### **Important Links:**

[https://ec.europa.eu/eurostat/statistics-explained/index.php?title=Tourism\\_industries\\_-\\_employment&oldid=569507](https://ec.europa.eu/eurostat/statistics-explained/index.php?title=Tourism_industries_-_employment&oldid=569507) - The percentage of citizens employed in the tourism industry per country before the pandemic (2019).

<https://etc-corporate.org/news/according-to-wttc-and-etc-1-2-million-travel-tourism-jobs-across-the-eu-will-remain-unfilled-unless-urgent-action-is-taken/> -



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The effects of massive staff shortages on the travel and tourism sector within the EU.

<https://youtu.be/0eWxHD7ELPc> - Video analysis of the staff shortages and effects on the tourism industry.

<https://www.ft.com/content/fae3e9f7-cb61-41fb-9bd5-0d5c75505a92> - How the understaffed workforce in the EU's tourism industry is dealing with a sharp rise in demand.

[https://single-market-economy.ec.europa.eu/sectors/tourism/offer/sustainable\\_en](https://single-market-economy.ec.europa.eu/sectors/tourism/offer/sustainable_en) - European Commission perspective on sustainable tourism and its future within the EU.

<https://www.europarc.org/sustainable-tourism/> - A further analysis of sustainable tourism by the EUROPARC Federation, an institution supported by the European Union.

<https://hospitalityinsights.ehl.edu/sustainable-tourism-definition> - An article published by EHL, one of the world's leading schools on hospitality, describing the long way sustainable tourism still needs to go.

<https://youtu.be/8HCOjH6egdk> - A video created by the European Parliament which outlines the future of sustainable tourism in the EU.

[https://environment.ec.europa.eu/topics/circular-economy/eu-ecolabel-home/eu-ecolabel-tourist-accommodation\\_en](https://environment.ec.europa.eu/topics/circular-economy/eu-ecolabel-home/eu-ecolabel-tourist-accommodation_en) - The EU Ecolabel provides consumers with information on the true sustainability of their chosen travel destination.



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The links above will provide you with lots of useful information on our topic. Nevertheless, we urge you to also conduct your own research as everything can never be captured in a fact sheet and new developments may arise after this document has been written.