

Briefing – Recommendations

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General

1. European Commission's Transition Pathway for Tourism: European Commission announces 382 [pledges](#) made by 179 tourism organisations, in order to support the green and digital transition in a way which would help to recover from COVID, and increase the long-term resilience of the ecosystem. Further pledges have been [invited online](#), and to BT4Europe at an in person meeting between DG GROW and Angela Lille, Chair of the BT4Europe Sustainability Working Group.

RECOMMENDATION: *BT4E is in the final stages of submitting a pledge.*

Sustainability

1. The European Commission published on 13 July 2023 the initiative Count your transport emissions – '[CountEmissions EU](#)', which sets out a common framework to calculate and report transport-related greenhouse gas emissions. The Commission presented the proposal to the Council's working party on transport. The working party examined the proposal on 3 October 2022. In the European Parliament, the proposal was referred to the Committee on Environment, Public Health and Food Safety and the Committee on Transport and Tourism, in a joint Committee procedure. The procedure file is [here](#) and a legislative review is [here](#).

RECOMMENDATION: *BT4E submitted a response to the consultation and should engage in the legislative process where necessary. The proposed amendments are currently under consideration by the Sustainability Working Group, with a view to endorsing them or suggesting others. Prepare the answer of BT4Europe position before the Plenary (10 April). Additionally, on 4 March, the joint ENVI and TRAN committees are set to decide on the adoption of the draft report on Count Emissions EU.*

Digitalisation

1. The adoption of the [Multimodal Digital Services initiative](#) (MDMS) does not appear on the Commission agenda for publication and has been postponed and is likely to become the responsibility of the next Commission, after the EU elections this year.

RECOMMENDATION: *BT4E to follow developments and continue to press the Commission to publish an ambitious MDMS proposal as early as possible in the new mandate. BT4Europe has written to the EU institutions expressing their concerns regarding the delays and making the case for business travel measures, such as MDMS, becoming a priority in 2024. However, it is good to note that the Belgian Presidency is committed to progress as much as possible on intermodal transport.*