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**REPORT**

on the proposal for a regulation of the European Parliament and of the Council  
concerning European Statistics on tourism  
(COM(2010)0117 – C7-0085/2010 – 2010/0063(COD))

Committee on Transport and Tourism

Rapporteur: Brian Simpson

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- \* Consultation procedure
- \*\*\* Consent procedure
- \*\*\*I Ordinary legislative procedure (first reading)
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## DRAFT EUROPEAN PARLIAMENT LEGISLATIVE RESOLUTION

**on the proposal for a regulation of the European Parliament and of the Council  
concerning European Statistics on tourism  
(COM(2010)0117 – C7-0085/2010 – 2010/0063(COD))**

**(Ordinary legislative procedure: first reading)**

*The European Parliament,*

- having regard to the Commission proposal to Parliament and the Council (COM(2010)0117),
  - having regard to Article 294(2) and Article 338(1) of the Treaty on the Functioning of the European Union, pursuant to which the Commission submitted the proposal to Parliament (C7-0085/2010),
  - having regard to Article 294(3) of the Treaty on the Functioning of the European Union,
  - having regard to Rule 55 of its Rules of Procedure,
  - having regard to the report of the Committee on Transport and Tourism (A7-0329/2010),
1. Adopts its position at first reading hereinafter set out;
  2. Calls on the Commission to refer the matter to Parliament again if it intends to amend its proposal substantially or replace it with another text;
  3. Instructs its President to forward its position to the Council, the Commission and the national parliaments.

### **Amendment 1**

#### **Proposal for a regulation**

#### **Recital 2**

*Text proposed by the Commission*

(2) Any appraisal of the competitiveness of the European Union's tourism industry, which occupies an important place in the economy of the Member States with tourist activities representing a large potential source of employment, requires a good knowledge of the volume of tourism, its characteristics, the profile of the tourist **and** tourism expenditure.

*Amendment*

(2) Any appraisal of the competitiveness of the European Union's tourism industry, which occupies an important place in the economy of the Member States with tourist activities representing a large potential source of employment, requires a good knowledge of the volume of tourism, its characteristics, the profile of the tourist, tourism expenditure **and the benefits for Member States' national economies.**

## Amendment 2

### Proposal for a regulation

#### Recital 6

*Text proposed by the Commission*

(6) To assess the macro-economic importance of tourism in the European economies based on the internationally accepted framework of tourism satellite accounting, the need to improve the availability, completeness and comprehensiveness of the basic tourism statistics as an input for compiling such accounts and, if deemed necessary by the Commission, as preparation for a subsequent legislative proposal for the transmission of harmonised tables for tourism satellite accounts, requires that the legal requirements which are currently laid down in Directive 95/57/EC be updated.

*Amendment*

(6) To assess the macro-economic importance of tourism in the European economies based on the internationally accepted framework of tourism satellite accounting, ***showing its effects on the economy and jobs***, the need to improve the availability, completeness and comprehensiveness of the basic tourism statistics as an input for compiling such accounts and, if deemed necessary by the Commission, as preparation for a subsequent legislative proposal for the transmission of harmonised tables for tourism satellite accounts, requires that the legal requirements which are currently laid down in Directive 95/57/EC be updated.

*Justification*

*It is important to ensure that the compilation of tourism data contributes to a better understanding of the socio-economic implications of this sector*

## Amendment 3

### Proposal for a regulation

#### Recital 7 a new

*Text proposed by the Commission*

*Amendment*

***(7a) In order to identify the participation of the elderly and other pensioners, youth, disabled persons, and families in difficulties in the programmes developed by the Union in the area of Social Tourism, the Commission should collect statistical data on social tourism; this will enable the Commission and Member States, on the basis of the fluctuations in***

*that data, to take the necessary measures in order to improve the participation in tourism of the above mentioned categories.*

*Justification*

*Tourism and social statistics should make part of European statistics on tourism and are needed in order to assess and develop tourism programs for those categories that are part of social tourism.*

**Amendment 4**

**Proposal for a regulation**  
**Recital 10 a new**

*Text proposed by the Commission*

*Amendment*

*(10a) When producing European statistics under this Regulation, the statistical authorities at national and Union level should provide statistics concerning the funds used by each Member State in connection with the tourism sector, especially highlighting the use of Union funds.*

*Justification*

*Tourism plays an important role in social and economic cohesion. While Member States use differently the UE funds for tourism, statistical data will help the comparison between the results in different member states and the best practice results.*

**Amendment 5**

**Proposal for a regulation**  
**Recital 15**

*Text proposed by the Commission*

*Amendment*

(15) The Commission should be empowered to adopt delegated acts in accordance with Article 290 of the Treaty on the Functioning of the European Union for the purpose of adapting the definitions, *the subjects covered and the*

(15) The Commission should be empowered to adopt delegated acts in accordance with Article 290 of the Treaty on the Functioning of the European Union for the purpose of adapting the definitions, *the Annexes* and the deadlines for data

*characteristics of the required information, the scope of observation and the deadlines for data transmission.*

transmission. *It is of particular importance that the Commission carry out appropriate consultations during its preparatory work, including at experts' level.*

*Justification*

*The delegation of powers to the Commission to adopt delegated acts should be limited to non-essential elements of the Regulation. The subjects covered, information required and scope of observation should be subject to the ordinary legislative procedure.*

**Amendment 6**

**Proposal for a regulation**

**Article 2 – paragraph 1 – point m a (new)**

*Text proposed by the Commission*

*Amendment*

*(ma) ‘same-day visits’ shall mean visits by people travelling outside their usual environment within the space of a single day for the purposes of tourism and/or recreation.*

*Justification*

*For the purposes of analysing the various travel patterns, as is necessary in order correctly to formulate policies in the sector and business strategies, it is necessary to distinguish statistically between those travelling as genuine tourists and those travelling from place to place within the space of a single day for different reasons, particularly in cross-border regions.*

**Amendment 7**

**Proposal for a regulation**

**Article 2 – paragraph 2**

*Text proposed by the Commission*

*Amendment*

2. The Commission *shall* adopt delegated acts in accordance with Article 9 *for the purpose of adapting the definitions in paragraph 1.*

2. The Commission *may* adopt *by means of* delegated acts in accordance with Article 9 *and subject to the conditions of Articles 10 and 11, modifications to the definitions in paragraph 1 in order to align them with international recommendations. When adopting such*



*delegated acts, the Commission shall act in accordance with the provisions of this Regulation.*

*Justification*

*The possibility to amend the definitions by delegated acts should be restricted.*

**Amendment 8**

**Proposal for a regulation**

**Article 3 – paragraph 1 – point d**

*Text proposed by the Commission*

(d) national tourism, in terms of the tourism demand, which concerns the characteristics of same-day visits, for the variables, periodicity and breakdowns ***which shall be established by the Commission by delegated acts. Those delegated acts shall be adopted in accordance with Article 9.***

*Amendment*

(d) national tourism, in terms of the tourism demand, which concerns the characteristics of same-day visits, for the variables, periodicity and breakdowns ***laid down in Section 3 of Annex II.***

*Justification*

*The type of data to be provided by the Member States on same-day visits should, as for all the other categories, be laid down in the Annex of the Regulation and not left to be defined by comitology.*

**Amendment 9**

**Proposal for a regulation**

**Article 3 – paragraph 2**

*Text proposed by the Commission*

2. ***The Commission shall*** adopt delegated acts in accordance with Article 9 ***for the purpose of adapting the subjects covered and the characteristics of the required information as well as the content of the Annexes.***

*Amendment*

2. ***In order to take account of economic and social developments, the Commission may adopt by means of*** delegated acts in accordance with Article 9 ***and subject to the conditions of Articles 10 and 11, modifications to the Annexes of this Regulation. When adopting such delegated acts, the Commission shall act in accordance with the provisions of this Regulation.***

### *Justification*

*The delegation of powers to the Commission to adopt delegated acts should be limited to non-essential elements of the Regulation. The subjects covered and information required should be subject to the ordinary legislative procedure.*

## **Amendment 10**

### **Proposal for a regulation Article 4 – paragraph 5**

*Text proposed by the Commission*

*Amendment*

***5. The Commission shall adopt delegated acts in accordance with Article 9 for the purpose of establishing the scope of observation for the requirements laid down in Article 3(1)(d) as regards the data on characteristics of same-day visits.***

***5. The scope of observation for the requirements in Article 3(1)(d) as regards the data on characteristics of same-day visits shall be all same-day visits outside the usual environment by the resident population, unless otherwise specified in Section 3 of Annex II.***

### *Justification*

*The scope of observation on same-day visits should be laid down by the Regulation and not left to be defined by comitology. A new Section 3 of Annex II is proposed by a separate amendment.*

## **Amendment 11**

### **Proposal for a regulation Article 4 – paragraph 6**

*Text proposed by the Commission*

*Amendment*

***6. The Commission shall adopt delegated acts in accordance with Article 9 for the purpose of adapting the scope of observation for the requirements laid down in Article 3(1).***

***deleted***

### *Justification*

*The scope of observation should be laid down by the Regulation and not left to be defined by comitology.*

## Amendment 12

### Proposal for a regulation Article 4 a (new)

*Text proposed by the Commission*

*Amendment*

#### *Article 4a*

##### *Pilot studies*

- 1. The Commission shall draw up a programme under which Member States shall carry out pilot studies into developing tourism satellite accounts showing the effects of tourism on the economy and jobs.***
- 2. The results of the pilot studies shall be evaluated and published by the Commission, which shall weigh the benefits of the availability of the data against the cost of collection and the response burden involved.***
- 3. If these results show that harmonised tables for tourism satellite accounts need to be compiled, then the Commission shall take appropriate action, including the submission of a legislative proposal, in order to address this issue adequately.***
- 4. The Commission shall draw up a programme under which Member States may carry out pilot studies on a voluntary basis in order to develop a data compilation system showing the effects of tourism on the environment.***

#### *Justification*

*This Article introduces provisions with respect to the future compilation of Tourism Satellite Accounts, which will allow tourism to be compared accurately with other sectors in terms of its effects on the economy and jobs. Furthermore it provides for pilot studies with regard to the measurement of the environmental impact of tourism.*

## Amendment 13

### Proposal for a regulation Article 5 a (new)

*Text proposed by the Commission*

*Amendment*

#### *Article 5a*

#### *Evaluation report*

***Within five years after the entry into force and every five years thereafter, the Commission shall submit an evaluation report to the European Parliament and to the Council on the statistics compiled pursuant to this Regulation and on their relevance.***

#### *Justification*

*There should be regular reporting on the implementation of the Regulation.*

## Amendment 14

### Proposal for a regulation Article 7 – paragraph 5

*Text proposed by the Commission*

*Amendment*

5. The Commission ***shall*** adopt delegated acts in accordance with Article 9 ***for the purpose of adapting*** the transmission deadlines laid down in paragraph 4.

***5. In order to take account of economic and social developments, the Commission may adopt by means of*** delegated acts in accordance with Article 9 ***and subject to the conditions of Articles 10 and 11, modifications of*** the transmission deadlines laid down in paragraph 4. ***When adopting such delegated acts, the Commission shall act in accordance with the provisions of this Regulation.***

#### *Justification*

*The amendment aligns the text with the wording on the delegation of powers provisionally agreed upon by the institutions.*

## Amendment 15

**Proposal for a regulation**  
**Article 7 – paragraph 6**

*Text proposed by the Commission*

(6) For all data required by this Regulation, the first reference period shall begin on 1 January of the calendar year following the year in which this Regulation enters into force.

*Amendment*

(6) For all data required by this Regulation, the first reference period shall begin on 1 January of the calendar year following the year in which this Regulation enters into force. ***If a revision of the legislative procedure takes place, it has to be completed by 30 September of the year of entry into force. If a revision of the Regulation is completed after 30 September, the first reference period shall be postponed to one year later.***

**Amendment 16**

**Proposal for a regulation**  
**Article 9 – paragraph 1**

*Text proposed by the Commission*

9. The *powers* to adopt the delegated acts referred to in Articles 2(2), ***3(1)(d) and (2), 4(5) and (6)*** and 7(5) shall be conferred on the Commission for ***an indeterminate period of time.***

*Amendment*

9. The *power* to adopt delegated acts referred to in Articles 2(2), ***3(2)*** and 7(5) shall be conferred on the Commission for ***a period of five years from ...\*. The Commission shall draw up a report in respect of the delegated power at the latest six months before the end of the five-year period. The delegation of power shall be automatically extended for periods of an identical duration, unless the European Parliament or the Council revokes it in accordance with Article 10.***

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***\* OJ: please insert date of entry into force of this Directive.***

*Justification*

*The amendment aligns the text with the wording on the delegation of powers provisionally agreed upon by the institutions. Furthermore, the delegation of powers should be time-limited (with automatic extension in the absence of a revocation).*

## Amendment 17

### Proposal for a regulation Article 10 – paragraph 1

#### *Text proposed by the Commission*

1. The delegation of power referred to in Articles 2(2), **3(1)(d) and (2), 4(5) and (6)** and 7(5) may be revoked by the European Parliament or by the Council.

#### *Amendment*

1. The delegation of power referred to in Articles 2(2), **3(2)** and 7(5) may be revoked **at any time** by the European Parliament or by the Council.

#### *Justification*

*The amendment aligns the text with the wording on the delegation of powers provisionally agreed upon by the institutions.*

## Amendment 18

### Proposal for a regulation Article 10 – paragraph 2

#### *Text proposed by the Commission*

2. The institution which has commenced an internal procedure for deciding whether to revoke the delegation of *powers* shall inform the other **legislator** and the Commission **at the latest one month** before the final decision is taken, **stating** the delegated *powers* which could be subject to revocation and the reasons for a revocation.

#### *Amendment*

2. The institution which has commenced an internal procedure for deciding whether to revoke the delegation of *power* shall **endeavour to** inform the other **institution** and the Commission **within a reasonable time** before the final decision is taken, **indicating** the delegated *power* which could be subject to revocation and possible reasons for a revocation.

#### *Justification*

*The amendment aligns the text with the wording on the delegation of powers provisionally agreed upon by the institutions.*

## Amendment 19

### Proposal for a regulation Article 11 – paragraph 1

#### *Text proposed by the Commission*

1. The European Parliament or the Council

#### *Amendment*

1. The European Parliament or the Council

may object to the delegated act within a period of two months from the date of notification. At the initiative of the European Parliament or the Council *this* period shall be extended by **one month**.

may object to the delegated act within a period of two months from the date of notification. At the initiative of the European Parliament or the Council *that* period shall be extended by **two months**.

*Justification*

*The amendment aligns the text with the wording on the delegation of powers provisionally agreed upon by the institutions.*

**Amendment 20**

**Proposal for a regulation**  
**Article 11 – paragraph 2**

*Text proposed by the Commission*

2. If, on expiry of *that* period, neither the European Parliament nor the Council has objected to the delegated act, ***or if, before that date, the European Parliament and the Council have both informed the Commission that they have decided not to raise objections, the delegated act*** shall enter into force on the date stated ***in its provisions***.

*Amendment*

2. If, on expiry of *the period referred to in paragraph 1*, neither the European Parliament nor the Council has objected to the delegated act ***it shall be published in the Official Journal of the European Union and*** shall enter into force at the date stated ***therein***.

***The delegated act may be published in the Official Journal of the European Union and enter into force before the expiry of that period if the European Parliament and the Council have both informed the Commission of their intention not to raise objections.***

*Justification*

*The amendment aligns the text with the wording on the delegation of powers provisionally agreed upon by the institutions.*

## Amendment 21

### Proposal for a regulation Article 11 – paragraph 3

*Text proposed by the Commission*

3. If the European Parliament or the Council objects to the **adopted** delegated act, it shall not enter into force. The institution which objects shall state the reasons for objecting to the delegated act.

*Amendment*

3. If *either* the European Parliament or the Council objects to the delegated act *within the period referred to in paragraph 1*, it shall not enter into force. The institution which objects shall state the reasons for objecting to the delegated act.

*Justification*

*The amendment aligns the text with the wording on the delegation of powers provisionally agreed upon by the institutions.*

## Amendment 22

### Proposal for a regulation Annex II – Section 2 – point 5 – letters a-d

*Text proposed by the Commission*

**a) Private/personal: leisure, recreation and holidays**

**b) Private/personal:  
visiting relatives and friends**

**c) Private/personal: other (e.g.  
pilgrimage, health treatment)**

**d) Professional/business**

*Amendment*

**a) Private/personal**

**b) Professional/business**

*Justification*

*Only the private/personal and professional/business categories are justified: otherwise it is not possible to classify the various types of tourism with certainty.*

## Amendment 23

### Proposal for a regulation Annex II – Section 2 – point 8

*Text proposed by the Commission*

8. Means of transport

*Amendment*

8. Means of transport **for travelling to and**



*from the tourist destination as well as mobility during the stay there:*

**Amendment 24**

**Proposal for a regulation**

**Annex II – Section 2 – point 8 – letter a**

*Text proposed by the Commission*

*Amendment*

a) Air (flight or other air services)

a) Air (flight ***services, scheduled or chartered,*** or other air services)

**Amendment 25**

**Proposal for a regulation**

**Annex II - Section 2 - point 8 - letter e a (new)**

*Text proposed by the Commission*

*Amendment*

***ea) Bicycle (whether or not combined with another means of transport; private or rented)***

*Justification*

*The data to be provided by the Member States should take into account the increasing trend of bicycle tourism and also be suitable for making intra-EU comparisons on the environmental impact of this tourism sector and its economic effect on small and medium-sized enterprises (SMEs).*

**Amendment 26**

**Proposal for a regulation**

**Annex II – Section 2 – point 9 – letter f a (new)**

*Text proposed by the Commission*

*Amendment*

***fa) Accessibility for persons with reduced mobility (PRMs), including wheelchair users***

**Amendment 27**

**Proposal for a regulation**  
**Annex II – Section 2 – point 17 a (new)**

*Text proposed by the Commission*

*Amendment*

***17a. Expenditure  
of the individual  
tourist during the  
trip on catering***

***Annual***

*Justification*

It is far more common to spend money at catering establishments during holidays than in everyday life. This is an important element in expenditure by tourists and ought to be included in the list of variables to be gathered, as in the annex on same-day visits.

**Amendment 28**

**Proposal for a regulation**  
**Annex II – section 3a (new)**

*Text proposed by the Commission*

*Amendment*

***Section 3a***

***Same-day visits***

***A. Variables to be transmitted***

***1) Number of same-day visits outside the usual environment by the resident population aged 15 years or more.***

***2) Expenditure on same-day visits outside the usual environment by the resident population aged 15 years or more, reporting separately: transport, shopping, restaurants, other.***

***B. Breakdown***

***1). The variable listed under heading A(1) shall be broken down (cross-classified) by:***

- the country of destination of the same-day visits: domestic, outbound (reporting separately at least all neighbouring countries and the destination countries that cover 90% of the total number of outbound same-day visits);***
- the purpose of the same-day visits: private, professional;***
- only for same-day visits for private***

*purpose, the gender of the visitor: male, female;*

*- only for same-day visits for private purpose, the age group of the visitor: 15-24, 25-34, 35-44, 45-54, 55-64, 65 or more.*

*2) The variables listed under heading A(2) shall be broken down by:*

*- the country of destination of the same-day visits: domestic, outbound (reporting separately at least all neighbouring countries and the destination countries that cover 90% of the total number of outbound same-day visits);*

*- the purpose of the same-day visits: private, professional.*

**C. Periodicity**

*1) The variables and breakdowns listed under heading A(1) and B(1) shall be transmitted annually, reporting separately the four quarters of the previous calendar year.*

*2) The variables and breakdowns listed under heading A(2) and B(2) shall be transmitted every three years, reporting separately the four quarters of the previous calendar year. The first reference year shall be the third calendar year following the year in which this Regulation enters into force.*

**D. Format for the transmission of the results**

*1) Number of same-day visits (variables and breakdowns as defined under heading A(1) and B(1))*

<b>Destination</b>	<b>Professional purpose</b>	<b>Private purpose</b>													
	<b>Total</b>	<b>Male</b>							<b>Female</b>						
		<15	15-24	25-34	35-44	45-54	55-64	65 or more	<15	15-24	25-34	35-44	45-54	55-64	65 or more
<b>Domestic</b>															
<b>Outbound 1 to n</b>															
<b>Other outbound</b>															

*Each cell in the table refers to the number same-day visits made by residents, aged 15 or more, during the reference period.*

*The category printed in italic font, namely "younger than 15", is optional.*

*The row "Outbound 1 to n" needs to be replaced by n rows to satisfy the requirements on the number of outbound destinations to be reported separately as defined under heading B*

*Separate tables shall be transmitted for each quarter of the reference year.*

*2). Expenditure on same-day visits (variables and breakdowns as defined under heading A(2) and B(2))*

Destination	Professional purpose					Private purpose				
	Number of same-day visits	Total expenditure				Number of same-day visits	Total expenditure			
		Transport	Shopping	Restaurants	Other		Transport	Shopping	Restaurants	Other
Domestic										
Outbound 1 to n										
Other outbound										

*The row "Outbound 1 to n " needs to be replaced by n rows to satisfy the requirements on the number of outbound destinations to be reported separately as defined under heading B.*

*Separate tables shall be transmitted for each quarter of the reference year.*

#### *Justification*

*This Section determines the data to be provided by the Member States on same-day visits. It was part of earlier Commission draft but later taken out as the Commission decided that it would prefer to determine these provisions by way of delegated acts.*



## **EXPLANATORY STATEMENT**

### **Background**

Tourism is an important economic activity in the EU with a high potential for contributing to greater employment and economic growth, as well as to playing an important role in socio-economic integration in rural, peripheral and less-developed areas, such as areas rich in industrial heritage. Statistics in this field are not only used to monitor tourism-specific policies, but also play a role in the wider context of regional policy and sustainable development. In the EU, Directive 95/57/EC on the collection of statistical information in the field of tourism organizes the system of tourism statistics. Eurostat publishes these statistics which are collected and compiled by the national statistical authorities.

Over the past decades, the importance of tourism for European businesses and European citizens has been growing at a steady pace. With some 1.8 million businesses, primarily SMEs, employing approximately 5.2 % of the total workforce (approximately 9.7 million jobs), it is estimated that the European tourism industry generates over 5 % of EU GDP. Tourism therefore represents the third largest socioeconomic activity in the EU. In addition, the European Union remains the world's No 1 tourist destination, with 370 million international tourist arrivals in 2008, or 40 % of arrivals around the world,<sup>1</sup>

In its recent Communication (COM(2010)352), the Commission aims to define a new policy framework for tourism in Europe, drawing on the new competences introduced by the Lisbon Treaty. The document addresses the main challenges facing the sector such as increasing global competition, demographic trends, climate change and environmental constraints, the seasonal distribution of tourist movements and the increasing use by customers of new information and communication technologies. The overall objective of the Communication is to strengthen the EU tourism sector by coordinated action at EU level that complements Member States' initiatives. In order to implement successfully the new policy framework, policy makers at all levels of governance need to take well-informed decisions, based on reliable and comparable statistical data.

### **Commission proposal**

The aim of this proposal for a Regulation is to update and optimise the legal framework for European statistics on tourism. The current system of tourism statistics is laid down by Council Directive 95/57/EC, which requires EU Member States' national governments to provide a regular set of data on the capacity and occupancy of accommodation establishments and on tourism demand.

However, since the Directive came into force, both the tourism industry and the demand for tourism have undergone significant changes. Therefore, stakeholders as well as the Commission and Parliament have repeatedly underlined the need to update the legal framework. Reflecting these changes, the proposal revises a number of variables and takes into account recent phenomena such as more short trips or the use of the internet for booking

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<sup>1</sup> WTO World Tourism Barometer, Volume 8, January 2010.

trips. The proposal furthermore harmonises variables and concepts and aims to improve the completeness of tourism statistics, for instance by covering all rented accommodation and including statistics on same-day visitors and non-holiday makers.

As regards the information to be collected from households or tourists, the efficiency of data collection would be monitored by introducing rotating questions for variables that are expected to be of a more structural nature and by introducing the transmission of micro-data for statistics on tourism trips. The aim is to enable the national data compilers to share mirror statistics on the basis of a harmonised compilation and to arrive at a convergence of concepts, definitions and reporting formats for the data transmitted. Overall, the proposal aims to ensure that European statistics on tourism continue to be relevant and provide a sound basis for decision-making in tourism policy.

### **Rapporteur's assessment**

Your rapporteur recognises the major role of statistics in the development of more effective tourism policies at European, national, regional and local levels. In the same manner, tourism statistics represent a useful tool to support decision-making in business and in the private sector. Therefore, your rapporteur supports the aim of the proposed Regulation to establish a common framework for the systematic production of European statistics on tourism by means of the collection, compilation, processing and transmission by the Member States of harmonised European statistics on tourism supply and demand. Once adopted, the proposal is likely to improve the timeliness, comparability and completeness of the statistics transmitted, as well as the efficiency of the data processing, including better validation of data. Furthermore, it is necessary to adapt the legal framework to reflect recent trends in the tourism industry by introducing new variables, for instance concerning same-day visits.

However, while your rapporteur in general welcomes the proposal, he has major concerns with regard to the extensive delegation of power it foresees. Indeed, the proposal would allow the Commission to amend essential elements of the proposal such as the definitions, the subjects covered and characteristics of the required information by way of adopting delegated acts. Moreover, some key provisions on data to be transmitted on same-day visits would be determined by delegated acts in the first place. Your rapporteur is of the view that those essential elements of the Regulation must be subject to the ordinary legislative procedure and therefore suggests a series of amendments limiting the delegation of powers to the Commission.

Secondly, the proposal regrettably does not provide for the introduction of Tourism Satellite Accounts (TSA). Yet, it would be crucial to progressively develop integrated systems of tourism statistics and socio-economic indicators to present a global picture of the tourism industry and to better understand its true size and value compared to other industries as well as its effects on jobs and the economy. Therefore, your rapporteur suggests introducing a provision requiring Member States to carry out pilot studies on TSA. These would then have to be evaluated by the Commission. If the results show that there is a need to compile harmonised tables for TSA, the Commission should subsequently come forward with a legislative proposal. Finally, with a view to enhancing the knowledge base for the promotion of sustainable tourism, it is proposed that the Commission draws up a programme for pilot studies to be carried out by Member States on a voluntary basis in order to develop a system

for the compilation of data showing the effects of tourism on the environment.

### **Conclusion**

Your rapporteur expects there to be a considerable convergence of interests between Parliament and Council both regarding the limitation of delegated acts and the progressive introduction of TSA. Therefore he would consider it worthwhile to explore possibilities for reaching an early agreement with Council on this important dossier.



## PROCEDURE

<b>Title</b>	European statistics on tourism
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<b>Members present for the final vote</b>	Georges Bach, Izaskun Bilbao Barandica, Antonio Cancian, Michael Cramer, Luis de Grandes Pascual, Saïd El Khadraoui, Ismail Ertug, Carlo Fidanza, Knut Fleckenstein, Jacqueline Foster, Mathieu Grosch, Jim Higgins, Jaromír Kohlíček, Jörg Leichtfried, Bogusław Liberadzki, Eva Lichtenberger, Marian-Jean Marinescu, Gesine Meissner, Hella Ranner, Vilja Savisaar-Toomast, Olga Sehnalová, Brian Simpson, Dirk Sterckx, Silvia-Adriana Țicău, Thomas Ulmer, Peter van Dalen, Artur Zasada
<b>Substitute(s) present for the final vote</b>	Burkhard Balz, Philip Bradbourn, Isabelle Durant, Ádám Kósa, Dominique Riquet, Alfreds Rubiks, Joachim Zeller