



TRAN Committee

Questions for the Hearing of the candidate Commissioner responsible for transport and tourism

1. Accessible transport

Background

The EU has the possibility to finance large scale infrastructures' projects. This has been highlighted as a key priority for investment by Jean-Claude Juncker, EC President, during his hearing at the European Parliament on 15 July.

AGE recommendations

- The existence of accessible transport systems is crucial to facilitate mobility of all passengers and de facto increase their inclusion and participation in society. However, today there is no organisation at European level representing all groups of passengers of the different modes of transport. Despite the very active cooperation between the existing organisations representing citizens using public and private transport, there is a need for a more structured dialogue.
- Further steps should be taken, including introducing a common set of passenger rights for all transport modes and developing implementation guidelines to help transport operators to apply in a harmonised way the legislation taking into account the specific characteristics of each mode

Questions to candidate Commissioner

- Will you make sure that all infrastructures' projects receiving EU funding will be accessible for all?
- Would you agree to set up such a Passenger Forum that would allow for enhanced dialogue between all relevant stakeholders at EU level?

2. Tourism

Background

Following our call for EU action to tackle age limits in financial products and thanks to examples gathered from AGE members demonstrating obstacles to access to health, travel and car insurance as well as mortgages, the European Commission set up an Insurance



Dialogue group which brings together the insurance and banking sectors and civil society organisations such as AGE to discuss barriers to access insurance and financial products.

At the same time, senior tourism has been identified as a key issue to boost Europe's economy.

AGE recommendations

Senior tourism is indeed a key area where to invest. However, it is essential to remove all barriers older persons may face when travelling, in particular age limits and prohibitive premiums which remain in travel insurances. The European Commission has a key role to play here to fight against this discrimination on the ground of age.

Questions to candidate Commissioner

- How do you intend to tackle the age limits and prohibitive premiums which exist for older people in intra-EU travel insurance and pose barriers to senior tourism?

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