

Programme

Tourism and SMEs after CoViD-19

7 September 2021

- EESC Hearing
- EESC Study Group Meeting
(session limited to EESC SG members)

Chamber of Commerce and Industry of Dodecanese
8, Grigoriou Lampraki str., GR-85100, Rhodes
Meeting room: 'Georgios V. Karagiannis'
(entrance restricted to confirmed speakers)

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Working languages (simultaneous interpretation from/into): EN, EL, FR

Hearing programme

09.00	Welcome coffee
09.15	Introduction by the EESC rapporteur (3'), <i>Mr Panagiotis Gkofas</i>
	Welcome addresses (4') President of the Chamber of Commerce and Industry of Dodecanese, <i>Mr Ioannis Pappou</i>
	Governor of South Aegean Region, <i>Mr Giorgos Chatzimarkos</i>
	Mayor of Rhodes, <i>Mr Antonis Kampourakis</i>
09.30	Short interventions – Welcome speeches (5')
	Minister of Development and Investments, <i>Mr Adonis Georgiadis</i> (video message)
	President of the Union of Hellenic Chambers of Commerce (KEEE) <i>Mr Giannis Chatzitheodosiou</i>
	President of the Hellenic Confederation of Professionals, Craftsmen, and Merchants (GSEVEE), <i>Mr Giorgos Kavvathas</i>
	President of the Hellenic Confederation of Commerce and Entrepreneurship (ESEE), <i>Mr Giorgos Karanikas</i>
	Chair of the Executive Committee of the Hellenic Federation of Enterprises (SEV), <i>Mr Efsthimios Vidalis</i>
	Vice-President Finance SETE (Greek Tourism Confederation), <i>Mr Emmanuel Giannoulis</i>
	Representative of GSEE/ President of the Labour Centre of Rhodes, <i>Mr Panagiotis Englezos</i>
	President of the Hellenic Chamber of Hotels, <i>Mr Alexandros Vassilikos</i>
	President of the Hellenic Hoteliers Federation, <i>Mr Grigoris Tassios</i>
	President of the Dodecanese Federation of Professionals, Craftsmen, and Merchants, <i>Mr Nikolaos Tsoullos</i>
	President of the Dodecanese Federation of Trade Associations, <i>Mr Panagiotis Karagiannis</i>

Secretary General of the Trade Association of Rhodes,
Mr Konstantinos Spanos

President of the Restaurant-owners Association of Rhodes,
Mr Ioannis Klouvas

10.30 Open dialogue - Roundtable (45')
“The effect of pandemic on SMEs and Tourism in Mediterranean countries”
Moderator: Secretary General of the Trade Association of Rhodes,
Mr Konstantinos Spanos

EESC President’s representative,
Mr Dimitris Dimitriadis

EESC rapporteur on SME Opinions,
Ms Milena Angelova

Expert on the EESC Opinion on Tourism,
Mr Claudio Cappellini

Questions & Answers

11.15 Coffee/Comfort Break

11.30 1st Special Session (45')
“EU policy response for the effective post- CoViD transition on tourism and SMEs”
Moderator: Expert on the EESC Opinion on Tourism,
Mr Claudio Cappellini

European Commission, Head of Unit, DG GROW, G1 Tourism & Textiles,
Ms Marie-Hélène Pradines

European Commission, DG GROW,
(tbc)

Members of the European Parliament (MEPs)
Ms Josianne Cutajar, MEP, Board Member SME Connect and Chair WG Tourism, Travel & Mobility
Ms Claudia Monteiro de Aguiar, MEP, Vice-President SME Europe

Questions & Answers

12.15 2nd Special Session (45')
“The SME perspective on Tourism and Transport”
Moderator: Chair of the EESC Study Group,
Mr Fornea Dumitru

Chair of the Steering Commission of SME Connect,
Mr Horst Heitz

Deputy Director General of Hotrec (Hospitality Europe),
Ms Marta Machado

Secretary General of the European Boating Industry
Mr Philip Easthill

EESC member of the Board + TEN & REX sections
Mr Pierre Jean Coulon

National Coordinator CNA Turismo e Commercio,
Mr Cristiano Tomei

Strategic Advisor European and Legal Affairs of the Deutscher Tourismusverband (German Tourism Association -DTV),
Ms Alexandra Wolfram

Questions & Answers

13.00 Closure of hearing proceedings

13.00 Light lunch (sandwich)

**EESC Study Group meeting Programme
(session limited to SG members)**

14.30 Study Group meeting

Participants:

President Dumitru Fornea (RO-II)

Rapporteur Panagiotis Gkofas (EL-III)

Members:

Pierre Jean Coulon (FR-II)

Marc Decoster (BE-III)

Joël Destom (FR-III)

Thomas Kropp (DE-I)

Colin Lustenhouwer (NL-I)

Angelo Pagliara (IT-II)

George Vernicos (EL-I)

Rapporteur’s expert Claudio Cappellini

Other EESC members invited:

Milena Angelova

Dimitris Dimitriadis

18.00 Closure of proceedings

