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## **FRENCH SENATE ECONOMIC AFFAIRS UNVEIL 30 PROPOSALS FOR REVIVAL OF TOURISM**

### **CONCRETELY FROM THIS SUMMER**

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**USPA NEWS** - The monitoring and control unit of the Senate economic affairs committee is proposing a plan of thirty proposals for reviving tourism this summer, the result of dozens of hearings and countless letters sent to senators by local businesses on the territories. For senators, tourism is part of our national landscape, our way of life, our common heritage. It represents between 7 to 8% of the GDP. We owe it to the more than two million French people and the 300,000 companies that support this sector of activity. The state must be by their side. Without a massive solidarity response, thousands of jobs, skills and know-how could be lost.

### A NECESSARY SHOCK OF CONFIDENCE

Recommendation n ° 1: keep a clear discourse on the calendar

Recommendation n ° 2: define good health practices and disseminate them massively

Recommendation n ° 3: rely on the couple elected local-prefecture

Recommendation n ° 4: define clear and assessable objectives

Complete the cash flow measures and ensure that they will accompany the recovery

a) The measures to support the treasury of economic actors could be further amplified.

Recommendation 5: strengthen the solidarity fund

Recommendation n ° 6: continue the reduction in charges linked to compulsory deductions

Recommendation n ° 7: the State must financially support local authorities so that they can reduce the levies on tourism businesses

Recommendation 8: further expand partial unemployment

Recommendation n ° 9: soften the conditions for granting the loan guaranteed by the State and extend the repayment periods

Recommendation 10: Ensure that the extension of bank loan maturities does not give rise to excessive counterparties

Recommendation 11: continue the effort to mobilize insurers

Recommendation n ° 12: mobilize the Social Tourism investment fund today

b) They must remain applicable even after resumption of activity.

Recommendation n ° 13: ensure that the cash flow measures will remain applicable after the recovery in order to avoid a new shock linked to the increase in expenses

Special difficulties to be resolved in the short term

a) A disparate implementation of Ordinance No. 2020-315 of March 25, 2020, the effectiveness of which could be strengthened to better protect the consumer [1].

Recommendation n ° 14: ensure the correct application of the order by online platforms

Recommendation n ° 15: set up an exceptional state guarantee for the assets issued by the hosts

Recommendation n ° 16: call online platforms to solidarity towards the most fragile actors, through a temporary reduction of commissions

b) The problem of recruiting seasonal workers

Recommendation n ° 17: broaden seasonal workers' unemployment rights

c) The exposure of consumers and tour operators to the risk of airline bankruptcy

Recommendation n ° 18: legislate at European level on the assets offered by airlines and create an exceptional air ticket guarantee fund

d) Solidarity between owners and managers of tourist residences

Recommendation n ° 19: reduce the rent charges of operators of tourist residences

e) The particular needs of casinos

Recommendation n ° 20: adjust the particular taxation of casinos

Recommendation n ° 21: adjust the applicable regulations in order to allow reopening under satisfactory sanitary conditions

f) The difficulties specific to mountain resorts and ski areas

Recommendation n ° 22: adapt the responses to the specificities of mountain resorts and ski areas

Beyond the urgent support for the actors' treasury, the need to build a real recovery plan dedicated to tourism, acting on both supply and demand, accompanied by a communication plan.

a) Establish a communication plan promoting our territories.

Recommendation n ° 23: support the recovery through a communication plan highlighting our territories and their professionals

Recommendation n ° 24: continue international communication

b) The necessary support for demand this summer

Supporting demand also means supporting tourism professionals.

Recommendation n ° 25: set up an exceptional aid system for departure on vacation

Recommendation n ° 26: exceptionally lower motorway prices this summer

Recommendation n ° 27: set up mechanisms targeted at certain audiences

#### c) SUPPORT FOR INVESTMENT BY PROFESSIONALS

Recommendation n ° 28: strengthen the incentive and support mechanisms for investment

d) Build a recovery program within a National Council, the implementation of which would be ensured by a Minister of Tourism.

Recommendation n ° 29: define a recovery program within the framework of a National Tourism Council, the implementation of which would fall to a Minister of Tourism

#### 5 Lessons for the post-crisis

a) Normative changes to consider

Recommendation n ° 30: in the medium term, learn the normative lessons from the crisis

“ç treatment, by insurance;

“ç guarantee of tickets issued by airlines;

“ç relationships between online booking platforms and professionals in the sector.

b) Thinking about changes in tourism

For more details: plan of thirty proposals for a revival of tourism this summer

[1] Ordinance No. 2020-315 of March 25, 2020 relating to the financial conditions for the termination of certain tourist travel and stay contracts in the event of exceptional and unavoidable circumstances or force majeure.

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