Covid-19 response
Transport related matters

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Emergency measures - i

The Commission presented

• 16 March - Guidelines to Member States on health-related border management measures to make sure that essential goods and services remain available.

• 17 March - Temporary Restriction on Non-Essential Travel to the EU (EU Leaders agreed to temporary restriction of non-essential travel from third countries)

• 18 March - Interpretative guidelines on EU passenger rights

• 23 March “Green lanes” initiative to ensure a continuous flow of goods across EU: Member States are requested to be open to all freight vehicles, whatever goods they are carrying.

• 26 March - Guidance to ensure essential freight keeps moving by air.

• 17 April - Joint European Roadmap towards lifting coronavirus containment measures

• 29 April - Extension to the transposition period of the EU law on rail safety and interoperability
Emergency measures - ii

• 13 May - Tourism and transport package, including
  - Communication towards a phased and coordinated approach for restoring freedom of movement and lifting internal border controls — COVID-19
  - Guidelines on the progressive restoration of transport services and connectivity
  - Recommendation which aims to make travel vouchers an attractive alternative to cash reimbursement for consumers

• 25 May (Reg 2020/698) - Extensions to the validity of certain certificates, licenses & authorisations; postponement of certain periodic checks & training

• 27 May – Recovery Package proposal to kick-start the European economy following the Covid-19 crisis.

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Key Principles

➢ Ensure necessary safety conditions for transport (for **both passengers and transport workers**)

➢ Provisions should be **transparent, proportionate, non-discriminatory** and **coordinated**.

➢ “Real-time” **flow of data and information** on traffic/mobility situation and safety conditions

➢ Lifting of restrictions & Recovery: **support businesses**, but at the same time **protecting passengers’ rights**

➢ **International coordination**: necessary involvement of multilateral technical organisations (such as UNECE-ITC)
Thank you

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