

DECLARATION

“Towards a stronger Tourism Policy for European Growth and Jobs”

Brussels, Belgium, 27th September 2016

At the occasion of the World Tourism Day, after the roundtable “Making the best use of EU Funds for Regional Growth and Jobs through Tourism”, held in the European Committee of the Regions (CoR), followed by the address on “Towards a Stronger Tourism Policy for European Growth and Jobs”, held in the European Parliament at the initiative of the Member of the European Parliament Claudia Tapardel, the representatives of NECSTouR, Members of the European Parliament, and the present attendees adopted the following declaration:

They call for:

- A strong EU Tourism policy and consequent strategy for growth and jobs, with long term objectives, a rolling implementation plan, performance indicators of the positive direct and indirect impact generated by tourism and appropriate resources proportional to its importance.
- A regular dialogue and exchange of good practices about the optimisation of the use of the European Union's financial instruments in this policy area, increasing the accessibility, flexibility and complementarity of the European Union programmes, increasing also the tourism-relevant investments in the post 2020, with the support of NECSTouR.
- Cooperation by the means of concrete projects and pilot actions meeting the needs of the industry, through partnerships gathering local and regional authorities and the different subsectors of the tourism industry.