



ETF-IRU JOINT STATEMENT

Social partners, IRU and ETF, are ready to contribute to the enforcement of the upcoming driving and rest time derogations for coach tourism drivers, including by way of digitalising the journey form.

On the eve of the important trilogue negotiations between the European institutions on the upcoming specific derogations on driving and rest time rules for coach tourism drivers, the European road transport social partners, ETF and IRU, confirm their support for the efforts of the negotiators to finalise their discussions on time. To this end, we also reiterate our support for the European Parliament position on enforcement. We confirm our willingness to work together and contribute to the implementation and enforcement of the upcoming rules, as soon as they are finalised and published.

The social partners express their readiness to start working together with enforcers and the European Commission to digitalise the journey form as soon as the rules are adopted, as a first step towards the creation, possibly no later than 2027, of an operational IMI-based platform, similar to the one available for drivers' posting declarations, which would create a solid basis for a step-by-step digitalisation of all control documents in road passenger and freight transport, starting with the coach tourism journey form.

We commit to work together to further enhance the recognition of the road passenger transport sector's specificities, whilst at the same time improving working conditions and safety for drivers and businesses to further improve the attractiveness of the driver profession, with a special focus on attracting even more young and female drivers.

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