CONSULTATION ON GUIDELINES ON AIR PASSENGERS RIGHTS

As a result of the complications that the attempted revision of <u>Regulation 261/2004 on Air Passengers' Rights</u> has encountered in the Council, the Commission has now decided to change its approach and work on Interpretative Guidelines first.

In accordance with the new "Better Rulemaking" procedures of the Commission, the process will start with a so-called <u>Roadmap</u> and a <u>preliminary consultation</u>. After this consultation, the Commission will draft the guidelines in consultation with the stakeholders. While this is not the main Regulation on Air Passengers' Rights that concerns persons with disabilities and it mainly deals with compensation for cancellations, delays, and denied boarding, it has nevertheless several important provisions for persons with disabilities. One of those is e.g. the question of liability of the airlines for damaged, lost, or destroyed mobility equipment which could be clarified under the planned guidelines.

At this first step we would like to invite EDF members to give input to the planned guidelines to make sure that the rights of persons with disabilities are improved with the issuing of the guidelines. Please feel free to use EDF's original position paper from 2013 for inspiration.

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