

Non paper on the revision of the air passengers rights regulation

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1. We remain fully committed to bringing this long-overdue revision to a successful conclusion. This file has been on the table for over a decade; the recent dynamics, and the latest Presidency proposal, show that a landing zone is within reach. We approach the final stretch in a spirit of compromise, with the shared aim of delivering a clear, workable and durable framework for passengers and carriers alike.

2. Since its origin, this Regulation has been conceived as a balance between a high level of passenger protection and the financial sustainability of air carriers. As the 2013 explanatory memorandum made explicit, the proposal seeks to promote passengers' interests during travel disruptions while taking into account the financial implications for the sector and ensuring harmonised conditions in a liberalised market. Any final compromise should preserve this equilibrium, and add the simplicity and legal certainty that both passengers and operators need.

3. We propose a straightforward solution: a single threshold and amount : 3 hours / €250 for cancellations and delays, combined with a link directing passengers to a claim form. This keeps the architecture passengers already understand, while modernising the information they receive at the moment of disruption.

4. This option deserves support on several counts. It is simple and clear: one threshold, one amount, one channel to claim, a solution everyone can grasp immediately. It restores a fairer balance across networks. It strengthens passenger information, since the form-link enhances transparency, in addition to the full set of existing passenger rights, which remain untouched.

5. A balanced deal cannot ignore the remaining issues, including extraordinary circumstances, baggage, pricing implications of the no-show provisions, and the questions of operating and third-country carrier liability, should be settled in a way consistent with the overall balance.