



EUROPEAN COMMISSION  
DIRECTORATE-GENERAL FOR MOBILITY AND TRANSPORT



Brussels  
MOVE/HH



*by email only*



**Subject: Summer 2021 slots and WASB recommendation**

Dear   

Thank you for your letters of 24 November and 9 December 2020.

Further to our previous correspondence, I reconfirm the Commission's intention to propose an amendment to the Slots Regulation in order to increase the efficient use of airport capacity during the COVID-19 pandemic and recovery.

The proposal will include a number of important pro-competitive conditions that have been called for by stakeholders and result from the Commission's own assessment. I hope the proposal will be adopted still this year to give the industry the much needed clarity and, depending on the legislative process, will apply as of the summer 2021 scheduling season.

  
 However, given the continuing suppression of air traffic, it is premature to already exclude any form of slot relief measures beyond the winter 2020/2021 scheduling season (when the full waiver will stop being applicable).

Hence, for the summer 2021 scheduling season, the Commission's proposal intends to put a balanced approach that, on the one hand, takes into account the continuing impact of COVID-19 on air traffic and, on the other hand, ensures the most efficient use of airport capacity during the recovery phase. It will also enable the gradual phase out of the slot relief by better linking the use-it-or-lose-it threshold to the pace of air traffic recovery.



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Regarding State aid approved under the temporary framework, those rules serve different purposes than the slot relief rules. The former do not imply as such an exclusion from slot relief.

I should be very grateful for your continuing support.

Yours faithfully,

Yours Sincerely,

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May I also wish you and your family,  
Merry Christmas & much better  
New Year 2021!

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