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## **EU Parliament successfully fought for passengers' rights and less headache in case of delays - a solution that flies**

### **EU air passenger rights**

In the near future, air passengers will receive compensation for delayed flights more easily. A compromise between the European Parliament and the Member States reached just now at the very last minute, guarantees more rights for air passengers, amongst them on reimbursement, hidden baggage costs and family rights.

**Virginijus Sinkevičius**, Vice-Chair of the Committee on Transport and Tourism and negotiator in the reconciliation process, comments:

*"Today Europe is delivering for air passengers. We have protected the rights people already have, added new safeguards, and brought greater clarity when things go wrong. Parliament was clear from day one that we would modernise the rules, but we would not let passengers pay the price. After more than a decade of deadlock, Europe is finally updating air passenger rights while keeping passengers firmly at the centre."*

**Vicent Marzà**, Greens/EFA shadow rapporteur in the leading transport committee, comments:

*"Today, we are celebrating a win for millions of travellers. Europe has chosen passengers over the airline margins, with compensation protected, hidden baggage costs dragged into the light, and real new rights for families and for people with reduced mobility. This is what a Europe that delivers actually looks like. The fight for travellers' rights doesn't stop here and we will keep on fighting for free cabin baggage and travellers' rights."*

Press conference at 19:45 today (15/06), in the European Parliament in Strasbourg, Daphne Caruana Galizia press conference room (WEISS N -1/201), with European Parliament president Roberta Metsola, Cyprus's Minister of transport Alexis Vafeades, EU Commissioner for sustainable transport and tourism Apostolos Tzitzikostas, Parliament's rapporteur Andrey Novakov (EPP, BG) and Transport and Tourism Committee vice-chair Virginijus Sinkevičius (Greens/EFA, LT).

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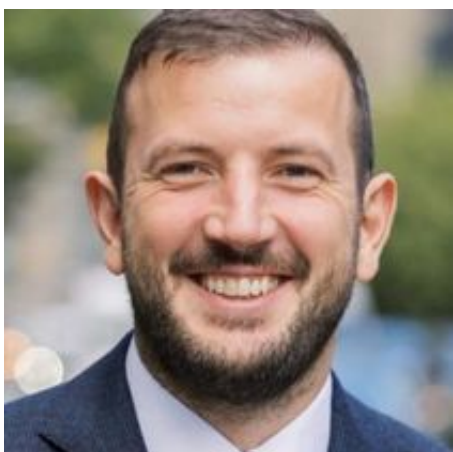
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