



THE EUROPEAN TRAVEL AGENTS'  
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Per e-mail:

President Irena Gueorgieva  
The Members  
The Members of the Destination and Sustainability  
Committee

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Dear Members,

**Re: Situation in Tunisia**

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In Short

Further to the current demonstrations on economic conditions, the situation in Tunisia is still unpredictable. Some European Foreign Offices are advising against travel to Tunisia. Members are invited to report to the Secretariat on the policies being adopted as a result of the situation.

As you all are aware of, in the past days there have been demonstrations on economic conditions and unemployment in multiple locations across Tunisia, including Tunis and Hammamet.

The situation is for the moment unpredictable. From the 12<sup>th</sup> of January a nightly curfew is in force in Tunis between 20.00 and 5.30 until further notice and a general strike is taking place today.

Besides, President Ben Ali's speech yesterday evening was welcomed by the opposition but it is not clear yet what effect it may have on the situation.

As a result of the uncertainty of the situation, travel advices of several European Foreign offices still differ: Belgium, the UK, Germany and Italy advising against all but essential travel to Tunisia, Spain is advising against traveling to interior areas of the country, whilst France and Ireland for the moment didn't issue a clear advice against traveling.

Some Tour Operators have taken the decision to repatriate their customers and/or to differ provisionally current departures.

ECTAA will continue to follow closely further developments of the situation.

**Members are kindly invited to report to the Secretariat ([pmarone@ectaa.org](mailto:pmarone@ectaa.org)) at the earliest convenience on the typical policies being adopted by its members as a result of this situation.**

With kind regards,

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