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Daniel Attard appointed lead negotiator on major EU travel booking reform

MEP Daniel Attard has been appointed rapporteur and the European Parliament's lead negotiator on the Multimodal Booking Regulation, a key part of the EU's wider passenger rights package.

The appointment entrusts Attard with shaping Parliament's position and leading negotiations with EU governments on rules designed to make travel more accessible, transparent and affordable, while setting clear responsibilities for platforms.

The reform has the potential to transform how millions of people plan and book travel across Europe, making it easier to compare options and combine different transport services in one journey. The proposal covers comparison and booking services of the kind offered by Skyscanner, eDreams, Trainline and Omio. Its scope spans air, rail, coach and ferry travel.

In practice, Attard will push for clear total prices and ticket conditions, transparent rankings and clearly labelled paid placements. Passengers should be able to compare options by price, journey time and accessibility, and find journeys combining services, such as a flight followed by a train. Commercial interests should not unfairly hide relevant alternatives.

"I am proud to have been trusted to lead this work for Parliament. For Malta and Gozo, where air and sea connections are essential, this matters directly. My focus will be practical rules that deliver better value for passengers across Europe."

"People should know what they are paying for and why an option appears first. Someone who needs wheelchair access should be able to identify a suitable journey before booking. Platforms must make that information clear," Attard added.

To that end, the law Attard will negotiate also aims to improve commercial terms between platforms and transport operators, backed by effective enforcement, to support competition and wider choice. Better access to fares and reliable travel information should help consumers compare their options before they buy.