



ACAve, FETAVE and UNAV agree to work together to defend the travel agency sector

Under the criterion of unity of action, the three associations, which represent the majority of the sector, with more than 4.500 points of sale in Spain, will coordinate positions and collaborate on priority issues for travel agencies, such as collective bargaining, the exclusion of agencies from the application of RD 933/2021 or the modification of the package travel directive.

ACAve, FETAVE and UNAV, senior associations of the travel agency sector and represented in the main tourism and business institutions, such as ECTAA, CEOE, CEIM or Foment Nacional del Treball, have agreed to collaborate together, from a vision of unity of action, on the most relevant issues affecting the sector, all for the defense of travel agencies.

Among the key issues addressed by the three associations is the collective bargaining of the Collective Agreement of Travel Agencies. **ACAve, FETAVE and UNAV have agreed to request the negotiating table of the agreement a review of the representativeness of the business part**, since currently none of the three associations that represent the majority of the sector is represented at the table and neither is the representativeness of the current representative of the business part, which has not been accredited, recognized, paradoxical and unique situation in collective bargaining.

Likewise, **the three associations share the urgent need to exclude travel agencies from the application of Royal Decree 933/2021**, which obliges agencies to inform the Ministry of the Interior about the data of accommodation and motor vehicle reservations. ACAve, FETAVE and UNAV do not consider that the solution goes through the development of a technological tool, because as has already been demonstrated the introduction and communication of the data, despite all the developments already made, it is an unbearable workload for travel agencies, most of which are SMEs and micro-SMEs. In addition, FETAVE has committed to share and collaborate with ACAve and UNAV in the complaint file initiated by FETAVE in January 2023 before the European Commission against RD 933/2021.

The next modification of the package travel directive is another of the key issues in which the three associations will collaborate, being in this case essential the participation of ACAve as the only Spanish representative in ECTAA, European employers of travel agencies and tour operators.

Finally, in relation to the IMSERSO travel programme, the three associations advocate an improvement in the remuneration of travel agencies and that the programme be developed within the deadlines and with the number of places planned, without delays.

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