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The EU supports, coordinates and complements the actions of EU countries related to tourism. Most of the rules applicable to the parking of camper vans are resulting from a national or local competence.

On 4 February 2022, the Commission published the transition pathway for tourism¹, which recognises the importance of infrastructure to support the transition of the sector to more sustainable practices.

Building on these efforts, the Commission has launched the preparation of an EU sustainable tourism strategy², expected to be announced in early 2026. This strategy will aim at making tourism more sustainable, competitive, and innovative, while enhancing the overall experience for travellers and supporting the sector's resilience.

An extensive consultation targeted at EU tourism stakeholders, and an open public consultation have been launched in June 2025 to support the preparation of this strategy. In this context, stakeholders interested in improving facilities for camper vans and caravans have the possibility to contribute to the consultations with their suggestions. In parallel, the Commission will keep engaging with the local authorities and the sector representatives to identify concrete aspects that could be addressed in the upcoming strategy.

In order to tackle the lack of infrastructures, it is reminded that under the 2021-2027 programming period, Cohesion Policy can support tourism infrastructure as part of measures that strengthen the resilience and sustainability of the sector and its role in socioeconomic and territorial development.

¹ <https://op.europa.eu/en/publication-detail/-/publication/678c08ab-bc06-11ee-b164-01aa75ed71a1/language-en>.

² https://transport.ec.europa.eu/tourism/transition-eu-tourism/sustainable-eu-tourism-shaping-tourism-tomorrow_en.