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# Europe's airports welcome renewed cooperation to remove restrictions on carry-on liquids

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**Brussels:** Yesterday evening, ACI EUROPE and other aviation partners met with the European Commission and signed a statement of intent regarding the future of airport security measures concerning passengers carrying liquids, aerosols and gels (LAGs). A roadmap will be forthcoming from this work, with a timeline for the eventual lifting of the restrictions on liquids, aerosols and gels (LAGs). The roadmap will be determined based on results from cooperation with the US and stakeholders and put forward for agreement from the European Parliament and EU Member States.

For its part, ACI EUROPE has consistently held the same position on this issue over the past years. Europe's airports fully support the lifting of the all restrictions on the carriage of LAGs, but only as long as the conditions actually improve the passenger experience and do not compromise the current level of security. The timeline hinges upon the availability of security technology which is mature and robust enough for operational reality in a live airport.

**Olivier Jankovec, Director General ACI EUROPE** commented "*Airport security is an absolute priority for airports – and this goes hand in hand with ensuring that the hassle factor is kept to a minimum for the 800 million departing air passengers travelling through Europe's airports each year. This renewed cooperation is good news, as it should ensure that when a change in the restrictions does occur, the passenger experience will be genuinely improved and that the integrity of airport operations will be maintained. We commend the constructive leadership and pragmatic approach of Commissioner Kallas on this difficult issue.*"

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