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Dear Members,

After intensive work in the last months, I am very happy to announce that **the new Roundtable website is online now, including the Get Started Tool with concrete guidance for tour operators to identify and address their business-related human rights risks!**

- The official launch of the Get Started tool will happen in the week before ITB with a press release. focusright will introduce the tool during our Roundtable Panel on working conditions at ITB.
- Please feel free to give **feedback on the usability and further needs regarding the tool** (do you find all information needed to go through the tool, and is the navigation clear, where do you miss further description/ guidance/ links to further pages?)
- We are still looking for further **testimonials for the website**. Please send a short statement (max. 260 signs) what the RT membership means for you, and a picture.
- We now have a **login members' area on the website**, where you will find all minutes of board calls, meetings and AGMs etc. I will send you the login data and instructions separately within the next weeks.

The **forthcoming ITB in Berlin** offers once more a great opportunity to meet and to promote the ideas and working methods of the Roundtable further in the sector.

- This year, the Roundtable is organizing a panel talk on **“Human Rights in practice – Working Conditions in Tourism” on Wednesday, 6th March from 15:00 to 16:00 pm at the big stage in hall 4.2**. Myriam Barros (Las Kellys, Spain), hotel and tour operator representatives, and Sibylle Baumgartner (focusright, Switzerland) will discuss challenges in the respect of labour rights and how tour operators can create decent and fair working conditions. Antje Monshausen will moderate the panel. We are looking forward to seeing many of you there.
- The third **“TO DO Award Human Rights in Tourism 2018”** by our member Studienkreis für Tourismus und Entwicklung (Institute for Tourism and Development) in cooperation with us and our member Studiosus Reisen München will be awarded to the Spanish association “Las Kellys” who fights for the rights of chambermaids in the hospitality sector. The award ceremony will take place **on Thursday, 7th March 2019 at 16:30 pm at Palais am Funkturm on the ITB**. Afterwards, participants will be invited to a reception.
- Please inform me, if you have a stand at ITB where we could present the Roundtable with **info material (flyers)**. I am very looking forward to meeting many of you.

The planning of **our international symposium in Utrecht** on 27 June is proceeding. The Symposium **“Human Rights in Practice – Equality in Tourism”** will cover different dimensions of equality in tourism, e.g. gender equality, fair working conditions and migrant workers' challenges.

- **For the afternoon sessions we would like to invite Roundtable members to present activities and examples from their operations regarding equality:** Who of you have implemented projects or made experiences that you would like to share with others, or take it as basis for a discussion and mutual learning session? **Please get back to me until 28 February, if you are interested to design one of the sessions or have an idea for a topic.**
- I will also send out further information on our **symposium and AGM in Utrecht** in the mid of March, including hotel recommendations.

Best regards,  
Jara