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to the Commission**  
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Subject: Competitiveness and sustainability of the EU tourism sector on the world market

Tourism represents an important economic sector, enabling – as a labour-intensive activity – the employment of a wide range of young and less qualified people, while having considerable impact on the GDPs and budgets of the Member States. However, the role of tourism has been neglected in the 2014-2020 programming period in comparison with the 2007-2013 period, in which it was a clear thematic objective. Moreover, the importance of tourism is underestimated in comparison with other economic sectors, despite the condition of the European economy in the last six years.

What steps will the Commission take to strengthen the competitiveness and sustainability of the EU tourism sector on the world market?