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to the Commission**
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Subject: European tourism and security project

Since 2015, some of the EU's main tourist destinations – Paris, Copenhagen, Brussels, Munich and Nice – have been hit by terrorist attacks. Whereas in 2014 Europe as a tourist destination generated EUR 109 billion in revenue (8% of GDP), with good prospects for growth, in the wake of these attacks a shock wave has been felt all across Europe. According to a Forwardkeys study carried out in March 2016, Europe was already seeing a 5% drop in holiday tourist bookings at that point.

In view of the cross-border impact on the whole of Europe of terrorist attacks, and the lack of a European programme for cooperation on tourism-related security issues, and having regard to Article 195 of the Treaty on the Functioning of the European Union which states that 'the Union shall complement the action of the Member States in the tourism sector', and to that end that the Union shall aim at 'encouraging the creation of a favourable environment for the development of undertakings in this sector' and at 'promoting cooperation between the Member States, particularly by the exchange of good practice', could the Commission propose in 2017 funding via COSME or a pilot project for the exchange of good practice between European destinations on measures for the prevention/management of crises in the tourist industry as a result of terrorism and the development of effective counter-measures? Might Euro-Mediterranean cooperation on this matter also be envisaged?