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to the Commission**

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Subject: Tourism and disaster-hit areas

In the thematic guidance on tourism investment it published in 2014, the Commission recommended a series of measures intended to bring investment efforts into line with national/regional operational programmes, with the aim of promoting local cultural and tourism resources.

Given the extremely negative impact the recent earthquakes and natural disasters in the central regions of Italy (parts of Europe that are of particular landscape and cultural value) have had on the entire tourism sector, can the Commission say whether it intends to:

- introduce special promotional measures for tourism in areas that have been hit by disasters and are receiving European Union Solidarity Fund support?
- include in the thematic guidance immediate operational measures to support the disaster-hit areas by providing incentives and applying more flexible criteria to operational programmes carried out in the years immediately following initial applications for European Union Solidarity Fund assistance?