

**Question for written answer E-005610/2017/rev.1  
to the Commission**

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Subject: Virulent anti-tourist demonstrations by far-left groups

The summer of 2017 has seen virulent anti-tourist demonstrations by far-left groups in some of Spain's tourist hot-spots, such as the Balearic Islands. Some of the groups, including Arran, have justified their actions by claiming that mass tourism is harming local residents' quality of life and placing great strain on public services.

The groups' actions are jeopardising the economic prosperity of Spain's most popular tourist destinations. Acts such as defacing historical buildings, putting stickers on hire cars or entering bars and restaurants brandishing flares have also caused problems for a number of businesses, and for the relevant regional and local governments.

In regions of Spain that receive large numbers of tourists, such as the Balearic Islands, we have always pushed for sustainable, high-quality tourism.

In light of the above:

1. What measures will the Commission propose to support tourism and to prevent the rise of anti-tourist movements?
2. What damage could these movements do to the economy and society of the EU as a whole, particularly in areas where tourism is the driving force of the economy?