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Subject: Tourism and the financial perspective

Tourism is extremely important to the European economy and to specific countries and regions where it plays a key economic role.

It is important to bear in mind the complexity and diversity of this sector, which has a major impact on our economic and social lives and affects many businesses, many economic sectors and millions of EU citizens.

The Commission is to be commended for its initiatives on sustainable tourism and the promotion of Europe as a destination. These are important steps towards more sustainable development in this sector.

The Commission has stated its intention to develop its activities in the tourist sector and its awareness of the sector's cross-cutting nature and numerous ramifications in other Community policies.

Does the Commission support the inclusion of a budget heading to finance the development of the tourist sector?

Is it prepared to endorse any initiatives to be taken in the forthcoming financial perspective, through the creation of a specific budget heading, in relation to both EU support for tourism and economic development through tourism?