

WRITTEN QUESTION E-2871/05
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to the Council

Subject: Tourism and the financial perspective

In its answer to Written Question E-0646/05, which asked whether the Council agreed to the inclusion of a budget heading to support the development of tourism, the Council said that neither had the Commission proposed the creation of such an item nor had the Council discussed the possibility.

This answer seems to have no justification. Bearing in mind the enormous importance of the tourism sector for the European economy, the question needs to be asked again. Does the Council not consider it useful or necessary to include a budget heading for tourism in the 2007-2013 financial perspective? Bearing in mind the postponement of the decision on the Commission's future multiannual framework for expenditure, can the Council say whether it will consider this proposal?