

**Question for written answer E-002936/2019  
to the Commission**  
Rule 138  
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Subject: The collapse of Thomas Cook and use of the European Globalisation Adjustment Fund

On 23 September 2019, Thomas Cook announced it was suspending payments after reporting debts of more than EUR 1.6 billion.

Thomas Cook employs over 22 000 people, of which 2500 in Spain (1000 in the Balearic Islands).

Tourism in Spain accounted for a third of Thomas Cook's sales, with around 7 000 000 passengers travelling to destinations throughout Spain (approximately 10% of the Spanish tourist industry).

In view of the potential GDP cost of Thomas Cook's bankruptcy on a core sector of the Spanish economy, and given that the European Globalisation Adjustment Fund (EGF) can be used in cases where a large number of jobs have been lost in a given sector,

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1. Does the Commission intend to invoke the EGF for the Spanish tourism sector and, in particular, the Balearic Islands, the Costa del Sol, the Catalanian coast and the Canary Islands?
2. Has the Spanish Government requested authorisation to grant State aid to help the Spanish tourism sector overcome the significant impact the collapse of Thomas Cook has had?
3. If so, does the Commission intend to approve said aid?