

**Question for written answer E-001571/2020
to the Council**

Rule 138

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Subject: Support for EU countries affected by COVID-19

Citizens in all EU countries are currently among those infected with the coronavirus. More than 110 000 people have been confirmed to have been infected with the virus, and sadly, there have been 4 000 deaths. It is expected that as the virus continues to spread, a significant proportion of the EU population will become infected.

In order to contain the spread of COVID-19 and reduce the number of deaths, the Member States have put their territories under quarantine and established travel restrictions for their citizens and for foreigners, which is having a very negative impact on the economy.

1. Does the Council have a plan for how to help EU countries face the economic implications of COVID-19?
2. Is the Council planning to offer assistance on an EU scale to the economic sectors most affected by the situation, e.g. hotels, entertainment and hospitality institutions, airlines, etc.?
3. If so, what sum is the Council planning to allocate and which funds will be used to finance the assistance?