

**Question for written answer E-002073/2020**  
**to the Commission**  
Rule 138  
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**Subject:** Urgent support needed for the tourism sector as it faces the challenge of COVID-19

On 1 April 2020, the World Tourism Organization (UNWTO) released a set of twenty-three recommendations calling for urgent support for the global tourism sector in the face of the unprecedented challenge of COVID-19.

These specific recommendations are classified according to the following three axes: 1) Managing the Crisis and Mitigating the Impact; 2) Providing Stimulus and Accelerating Recovery; and 3) Preparing for Tomorrow.

They provide a summary list of possible measures to enable this sector, which is essential for the EU's economy in general, and the French economy in particular, to weather this unprecedented crisis.

It should be recalled at this point that France receives more visitors than any other country in the world, with 90 million visitors in 2019.

The UNWTO recommendations emphasise the importance of providing financial incentives, including the provision of favourable tax policies.

They also suggest that efforts should be made to maintain jobs, support the self-employed, secure liquidity and review taxes and charges.

Given its powers in the field of tourism, under Article 6 (d) and Title XXII, Article 195, of the Treaty on the Functioning of the European Union, and of employment, under Article 3 of the Treaty on European Union, what measures will the Commission adopt to support this key sector for our economy?