

**Question for written answer E-002822/2020  
to the Commission**  
Rule 138  
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**Subject:** Measures to boost domestic tourism in the light of the COVID-19 pandemic

According to Commission data, the pandemic will cause a seismic economic downturn in Member States, with the southern states bearing the brunt. It is estimated that the economy of Greece in particular will contract by 9.7%, the highest rate of all Member States, while estimates for Italy and Spain are 9.5% and 9.4%, respectively. Unemployment in Greece is set to rocket to an estimated 19.9% - again, the highest rate of all Member States - while investment in Greece is expected to fall by 30%. \*

In the light of the above data and given the great hit the economy will take because of the importance of the tourism sector, and also the high proportion of micro-enterprises, which are particularly vulnerable, will the Commission say:

Will it fund programmes or allocate funds to boost domestic tourism in European countries badly affected by the pandemic, so that small and medium-sized tourist enterprises can survive until the final lifting of the restrictions on cross-border travel and air travel bans imposed in order to curb the pandemic?