

**Question for written answer E-003017/2020
to the Commission**

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Subject: Employment situation of former Thomas Cook employees

Approximately eight months ago, the renowned British travel company Thomas Cook ceased trading. This caused considerable damage to the economies of a number of Member States, including Spain. The group's Spanish sister company, In Destination Incoming, based in Palma de Mallorca, was also forced to close and lay off 760 employees, who received neither their final salary nor other dues following their dismissal. Some 500 former employees are still suffering as a result of the company's demise.

A European Parliament resolution on the Thomas Cook bankruptcy, adopted on 24 October 2019, promised greater protection for consumers and employees when situations such as these occur.

In light of the above, can the Commission say:

Has it adopted or does it intend to implement any measures to protect the 500 employees who are still unemployed following Thomas Cook's collapse?