Question for written answer E-003023/2020 to the Commission Rule 138 Gilles Lebreton (ID)

Subject: Reopening of amusement parks

Tourism accounts for 10% of the gross domestic product of Europe, which is the number one tourist destination in the world. Those working in the sector have been hard hit by the COVID-19 crisis.

I would like to draw the Commission's attention to the situation of amusement parks in particular, which some Member States are being even more strict with than they are with zoos, aquariums, hotels and restaurants.

In France, for example, the government has announced that zoos and aquariums will reopen immediately and hotels and restaurants will do so on 2 June, but it has postponed the reopening of amusement parks to an indeterminate date. The decision puts their very existence in jeopardy: that of the famous Puy du Fou, for example, which was voted the world's best amusement park in 2019.

Yet Germany will soon be reopening Europa Park, which is the biggest such attraction in Europe, and the Netherlands will reopen Efteling.

In the light of this confusing situation, will the Commission be issuing special recommendations on reopening amusement parks, on the basis of Articles 6 and 195 of the Treaty on the Functioning of the European Union?