

Question for written answer E-003106/2020/rev.1
to the Commission
Rule 138
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Subject: Against the introduction of lists of countries to which travel is not recommended within the EU

Following the global spread of COVID-19, Member States have halted all tourism-related entries into countries.

In many Member States, tourism is the sector that is suffering the greatest economic damage as a result of the COVID-19 pandemic. It is estimated that, in Italy alone, by the end of May there will have been losses of some 90 million tourist nights, with jobs at risk for more than 500 000 seasonal workers.

At the current stage of gradual reopening, we are seeing bilateral agreements between Member States such as Germany, Austria, Croatia and Greece, which not only risk isolating other Member States, such as Italy, but which are undermining the European spirit of solidarity and the economic, social and territorial cohesion policy.

In light of the above, I should like to ask the Commission the following questions:

1. What is its official position on the matter?
2. What measures does it intend to adopt to prevent discriminatory behaviour among the Member States?