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to the Commission**

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Subject: Summer season 2021

The tourism industry is once again at risk of missing the summer season. The arrival of new COVID-19 variants, delays in vaccinations and the imposition of new travel restrictions threaten the survival of many SMEs that provide jobs on which entire communities depend. The soon to be proposed vaccination certificate is unlikely to put an end to these issues. Hotels, restaurants, travel agencies and operators in travel and tourism need to be given the possibility to plan in advance for the season and to benefit from it. Against this backdrop:

1. What actions will the Commission put forward prior to the summer, including contingency plans, that would allow operators in the sector to plan ahead?
2. Given the need for adequate coordination on travel restrictions, and the need to improve the colour-code mapping system, what further steps can be taken to enhance information sharing and the coordination of measures?
3. Given the great share of revenue generated by international tourists and the essential role this will have on the recovery, what strategy is in place to safely reopen international travel to the EU?