

**Question for written answer E-002220/2021
to the Commission**
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Subject: Salvaging the 2021 tourism season

The fallout from the coronavirus pandemic has undeniably wreaked incalculable damage on all sectors of the tourism industry, affecting transport, supplies, catering and small and medium-sized businesses, leaving the fate of thousands of workers in the balance.

By its very nature, the hospitality sector has a multiplier effect, benefiting the local community in many ways, providing jobs and business opportunities, and stimulating economic growth.

In order to avoid another summer season going to waste, which would have a devastating economic impact on the countries of Europe, especially southern Europe, we need to regenerate and relaunch the tourism sector by creating prospects and opportunities for all.

In view of this:

Can the Commission say what measures it intends to take to support small and medium-sized businesses that depend on the tourism industry?

What legislation and communications strategies will it adopt to support tourism in the 2021 season?