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Subject: Support for the hotel sector

This 'unfortunate' pandemic is having consequences of dimensions that are yet to be accounted in many and varied ways. It is clear to all that tourism is one of the hardest-hit sectors. Tourism, in all its facets, has ground to a halt. In some cases, 100% of the sector came to a stop overnight.

We need to get people vaccinated and find balanced arrangements encouraging people to travel again, to support companies, so that jobs can be preserved and to ensure they are still in a position to resume activity when demand returns and to restore the trust of citizens. If we take these steps we may still be able to give the sector a timely boost.

I believe that summer 2021 may be too early for the recovery in tourism that we all want to see. But I also remain convinced that it is in 2021 that we must act.

What concrete steps is the Commission prepared to take to provide effective support to the tourism sector?