

**Question for written answer E-003807/2021
to the Commission**
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Subject: Urgent support of businesses related to inbound tourism into the EU

One of the EU's most valuable assets as a whole is its tourism product, especially when this includes incoming tourists from markets outside the EU. This becomes even more important for the EU market when travel enterprises specialise in inbound tourism, bringing millions of euros into the EU. The problem is that these enterprises, which are the most valuable for the EU, were and continue to be the most vulnerable in terms of COVID-19 pandemic protective measures restricting access to the EU for non-EU tourists and travellers.

As Europeans, we cannot compromise the safety, health and life protection of our citizens. Nevertheless, we need to be more than willing to actively protect the above-mentioned specific tourism enterprises, so that they will not collapse, but will continue to make a positive contribution for consumers and citizens in the EU and to positively affect our economy. Otherwise, non-EU players will fill this gap before we even notice it.

1. Will the Commission consider adopting simple, clear and drastic measures for the reorganisation and support of enterprises specifically targeting inbound tourism from outside the EU?
2. Will the Commission consider enforcing such measures immediately in order to support the above enterprises, starting from the current summer tourism period?
3. Will the Commission consider indicating that Member States should harmonise their policies, actions and state measures regarding the above?