Question for written answer E-005632/2021/rev.1 to the Commission Rule 138

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Subject: EU support for green tourism in European cities

In 2019, Belgrade, a city in a non-EU country, submitted a bid to become the 2022 'European Green Capital'. The award is given to cities that achieve high environmental standards and demonstrate a strong commitment to sustainable development. For reasons of geopolitics as well as the potential implications, the Serbian capital did not receive this accolade.

In the last ten years, however, the urban structure of Belgrade has undergone significant changes. The city has become one of the top tourist destinations in the region and Mayor Zoran Radojičić considers the city's environmental reforms to be the primary reason for this.

In the pandemic, European cities have suffered from the collapse of tourism and must therefore increase their efforts to keep up their international appeal.

My question is simple:

Does the Commission have a tourism strategy based on the green transition of cities, along the lines of what Belgrade has achieved?