

**Question for written answer E-000776/2022
to the Commission**

Rule 138

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Subject: Impact of the pandemic on tourism

The pandemic has had a swift and radical impact on our day-to-day lives and on business turnover, plunging certain sectors, including tourism, into a deep crisis.

The Mediterranean is heavily reliant on tourism, which is an economic mainstay for countries such as Cyprus, where it is still beset by a number of imponderables arising from the pandemic. Any further setbacks to the tourism industry could have a well-nigh unstoppable domino effect on the remainder of its economy.

As winter draws to a close and the tourist season begins to get under way in countries such as Cyprus, continued funding is essential to keep the sector afloat.

In view of this:

1. Can the Commission say whether it has adopted an action plan to support the tourism industry?
2. Given that the latter is clearly in for another difficult year, what support is the Commission planning to provide in the services sector to keep it afloat?