

**Question for written answer E-003323/2022
to the Commission**

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Subject: Theme parks and the energy crisis

In Italy alone, there are around 200 theme, water and wildlife parks, not to mention the over 230 adventure parks. These attractions pull in more than 17 million visitors every year, generating more than EUR 300 million in revenue.¹

As all the parks consume huge amounts of energy, mounting energy costs are dealing a huge blow to the entire sector – which is also crucial for tourism.

Recently, the Commission issued communication 2022/C80/01, which lists, in Annex I, the various sectors eligible for aid for energy-intensive companies; however, the list does not feature the NACE code for the theme park sector.

This omission precludes these attractions from obtaining any of the concessions or aid being provided by Member State governments.

In view of this, can the Commission answer the following:

1. Is it aware of this state of affairs? Is it generally keeping an eye on the difficulties that theme parks face?
2. Given their significance for Europe's economy and tourism industry and in view of the challenges posed by the energy crisis, could these attractions also be made eligible for forms of support?

¹ <https://lnx.parchipermanenti.it/>