ORAL QUESTION H-0457/06 for Question Time at the part-session in June 2006 pursuant to Rule 109 of the Rules of Procedure by Antonio López-Istúriz White to the Commission

Subject: European to increase RDI investment in the Balearic Islands

The Balearic Islands' Regional Government has recently submitted a scheme for setting up a Tourism Research Centre with a view to increasing investment in tourist sector RDI and thus improving the island's competitiveness.

A further objective of the scheme is to reduce the Balearic economic model's structural deficit in innovation.

Does the Commission know of similar initiatives to the setting up of the Tourism Research Centre?

Can the Commission state what European aid will be earmarked from 2007 for co-funding this project and other Balearic Island projects within the framework of RDI?

What measures, other than these subsidies, might the Commission consider with a view to helping the Balearic Islands in the fields of tourist sector RDI?

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