

ORAL QUESTION H-0606/06
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to the Commission

Subject: Relations between the Balearic Islands and China in the tourist industry

Commercial links between the Balearic Islands and China have been consolidated in recent years, as in the case of trade in footwear made in the islands.

Despite the evolution of EU-China bilateral links, businesses in Majorca still have to struggle with red tape when opening businesses or hotels in China: the Chinese government is still placing numerous obstacles in the path of foreign investors establishing businesses there.

What measures will the Commission take in order to consolidate and facilitate EU-China business links and relations between companies in the Member States and China?

In what ways could such measures favour the Balearic hotel industry and improve its business relations with China while facilitating access to the Chinese market in the areas concerned?

What will be the nature of the new strategy to be announced by the Commission for EU-China trade and investment relations?

Given that, in addition to trade, tourism in both directions between China and Europe is exhibiting substantial annual growth and offers an enormous business potential to both sides, does the Commission intend to promote measures to encourage such tourism?

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