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Subject: Italian tourism under threat from German-Croatian tourist corridors

The COVID-19 emergency is bringing the tourism sector to its knees. This is having a very serious impact on operators.

To make this dramatic situation even worse, Germany, Austria and Czechia are apparently planning to establish ‘tourist corridors’ to enable their citizens to reach the Croatian coast, considered to be safer from the risk of coronavirus, thereby introducing a ‘closed-circuit tourist area’.

This has been confirmed by the Croatian Minister for Tourism, Gari Cappelli, who has spoken openly of road and air corridors to control flows, in agreement with the above-mentioned countries.

This solution would be a form of unfair competition in respect of countries such as Italy and its tourism sector, which would be further penalised.

Can the Commission therefore answer the following questions:

1. Is it aware of this possible situation and what action will it take to prevent discrimination and unfair competition within the single market?

2. Will it adopt, as soon as possible, a tourism support and recovery plan in the wake of the COVID-19 emergency, providing for the establishment of common and fair rules for movement and transport in Europe?