

**Priority question for written answer P-004568/2020
to the Commission**

Rule 138

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Subject: Request from the Spanish Government for funding to support tourism

Following a fresh wave of infections throughout the European Union that are occurring even earlier than anticipated by the EU and national authorities, the tourism season is ending up in the worst-case scenario. For countries like Spain, especially regions such as the Balearic Islands and the Canaries, the impact of this blow to the tourism sector will be enormous, the most optimistic models predicting losses of around 40% of GDP.

On 1 July, in reply to a previous question, the Commission indicated that the Spanish Government had not yet sought any EU aid for the tourism sector.

In view of the dire situation in which Spain now finds itself and the urgent need for funds to alleviate the effects of the crisis after a disastrous season:

Can the Commission say whether the Spanish Government has to date specifically requested aid for the tourism sector in a bid to alleviate the fallout of the COVID virus?