Question for written answer E-015162/2015 to the Commission Rule 130 István Ujhelyi (S&D)

Subject: Tourism is the industry of peace, but what if there is no peace?

The new era of European history following the tragic attacks in Paris will no doubt affect tourism first and foremost, but will also impact on the daily functioning of the European economy. It is already possible to conclude that the subsequent threat will lead to a substantial reduction in the tourist sector, which is the industry of peace. According to a study from 2007, following the 11 September 2001 attacks the airline sector alone suffered a loss of USD 1 billion, partly because the stock exchanges were trading its shares at a much lower price, but also partly because tourist traffic fell by 6%.

It is clear that restoring and increasing security is directly proportionate to the growth of confidence in tourist destinations. At the same time, the following question arises:

Does the Commission have any concrete experiences and ideas to help deal with the changes affecting the tourist sector and alleviate their negative impact?

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