

**Question for written answer E-002060/2025/rev.1
to the Commission**
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Subject: Support for islands facing abandonment, overtourism and migratory pressure

Island regions face major challenges such as abandonment, overtourism and migratory pressure. Some islands receive tourists at a rate of around 150 per inhabitant, while – at the same time – islands in the Eastern Aegean continue to face significant migration flows, placing a strain on local communities. Other islands (which are essentially EU borders) are confronted with depopulation due to a lack of infrastructure and the resulting deterioration in living standards.

The EU recognises the specificities of island regions in Article 174 of the Treaty on the Functioning of the European Union, which provides for particular attention for regions with permanent natural or demographic handicaps, such as islands. However, the implementation of specific support policies and measures remains limited.

Can the Commission therefore answer the following:

Does it intend to adopt a special tax regime for the smaller Aegean islands in order to strengthen their economic viability?

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