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to the Commission
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Subject: Rates for locals

Tourism is one of the most important economic drivers in many regions of the EU. It creates jobs, strengthens local infrastructure and fosters cultural exchanges. However, in addition to many opportunities, it also presents challenges for the local population, such as congestion or increasing prices. This can result in a declining acceptance of tourism.

In order to maintain acceptance by the local population – on which tourism depends – so-called rates for locals could play an important role. Rates for locals mean that all EU citizens with their main residence in a given region enjoy preferential rates for local tourism services. This reduced-price access is crucial for the public acceptance of tourism and therefore also plays a role in the long-term economic competitiveness of the tourist destination.

1. In the Commission's view, under what conditions are rates for locals compatible with current EU law?
2. In the context of the revision of the Geo-blocking Regulation, does the Commission intend to make any changes in order to make it easier again to charge rates for locals?
3. According to the Commission's assessment, how has public acceptance of tourism evolved each year over the past five years (since 2020) and what measures are needed as a result for the EU as a tourist destination?

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