

**Question for written answer E-003059/2024
to the Commission**
Rule 144
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Subject: Measures taken by Santiago de Compostela City Council to prevent the city being overrun by tourists

Santiago de Compostela, the capital of Galicia, had all but surrendered to the monoculture of mass tourism, and that pressure has pushed up average rental rates, making it difficult for thousands of young people, university students and families to find affordable housing.

In response, the city council has put in place measures to limit the creation of new businesses dedicated solely to tourism, such as currency exchanges, luggage storage services and souvenir shops.

The council has also taken steps to curb the proliferation of holiday rentals. Under the new ordinance, these properties may only be rented to tourists for a maximum of 60 days per year. This idea goes hand in hand with the sharing economy approach for a university city like Santiago, where owners can rent their properties to students for 10 months and tourists for 2 months.

The Commission promised that it would present an affordable housing plan within the first 100 days of its mandate. In view of this, is it aware of Santiago de Compostela's sustainable tourism proposal?

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