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## EU report advocates alternative tourism for coastal areas



**By Matthew Pritchard**

THE European Parliament last week approved a report calling for the development of alternative forms of tourism in coastal areas.

The report, entitled *The Impact of Tourism on Coastal Areas*, was commissioned by the European Parliament's Policy Department and drawn up by Portuguese MEP, Jamila Madeira. The report makes numerous suggestions to ensure "EU policies are responsive to their indirect impacts on the long-term attractiveness of coastal destinations" and advocates the creation of a program of cooperation between coastal areas to help combat the negative effects of tourism.

One of the main arguments of the report is the need to develop alternative forms of tourism to the 3S (sun, sand and sea) model popular in the Mediterranean due to its seasonal, 'boom and bust' nature.

The report highlights the success of alternative forms of tourism "connected to area's coastal resources and landscapes and to their cultural and natural heritage" such as fishing tourism, wine-tasting, gastronomy, health and wellbeing, and green tourism. The report identifies this type of tourism as a way of providing greater stability to the economies of coastal areas and all-year-round employment.

The Junta's tourism delegate, Maribel Requena, agreed with the report's findings. She said: "We have achieved an excellent range of offers for the sun and sea type of tourism, but Almería has far more to offer than that and the Junta wishes to develop another complimentary type of tourism that draws upon the province's cultural heritage, which is second to none."

The report also highlights the need for responsible programs of urban growth, stressing the detrimental effect excessive pressure on infrastructure could have on tourism and the inevitable "degradation of natural ecosystems in coastal zones" irresponsible building provokes. Greenpeace representative, Pilar Marcos, said: "The uncontrolled creation of port installations along Spain's coastline has scattered piers and wharves all along it, irreversibly altering its appearance."

The report was approved by 547 votes, with 54 votes against and 18 abstentions. Its approval comes in the same week provincial travel agent association, ASAVAL, announced a drop of between eight and 10 per cent in business this year in comparison with 2008.

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