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BETTER LATE THAN NEVER...

The Mallorca Hoteliers Federation responded to new travel measures announced by the UK's transport secretary Grant Shapps on Friday by "welcoming any measure that contributes to eliminating barriers to mobility, especially when we have protection systems and when a high percentage of the population is vaccinated".

While the announcement was good news,

executive vice-president Maria José Aguiló said that she had wished the UK government had shown this flexibility much earlier.

The simplification of the traffic light system, the elimination of pre-departure tests for travellers who are double vaccinated (returning from non-red list countries) and the replacement of PCR tests with antigen tests are developments that the public and the

tourism industry have been calling for. Aguiló observed that the move was "better late than never".

Had it been taken earlier, however, there would have been better results from the UK tourism market. Most of the tourism season has passed, and "when the measures come into force, we will see what effect these have on UK bookings". See Full Report on Page Three Inside.



EU's Mediterranean states demand global action

Leaders of the EU's bloc of nine southern European members demanded urgent global action to combat a worsening climate crisis and build a sustainable future for the Mediterranean region.

Leaders from Croatia,

Cyprus, France, Greece, Italy, Slovenia, Malta, Portugal and Spain met in Athens to discuss climate change after devastating summer wildfires highlighted the challenges a warmer world poses for southern Europe.

The Mediterranean was now suffering "unprece-

dent ecological damage and response capabilities are being stretched to the limit", they said in a joint statement after their meeting, joined by EU Commission head Ursula von der Leyen.

"Such vulnerability is going to increase due to the accelerating impacts

from climate change in the region leading to losses in welfare in terms of economic impacts due to climate change," the statement said.

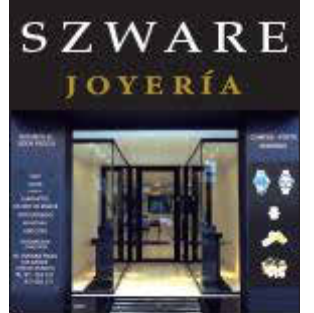
EU scientists have said the Mediterranean has become a "wildfire hotspot" as human-induced climate change is making

heatwaves more likely and more severe.

Greece was hit by its most intense blazes on record amid an intense heatwave this summer and in southern Italy fires ravaged swathes of land, while deadly flooding swept western Europe.

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