

## Editorial

# Tourism and economic development: the impact of the pandemic

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The pandemic, in addition to deaths, suffering and pain in people, has undoubtedly generated a significant impact in reducing the flow of people to places of recreation and tourism with the consequent impact on economic and social development both at the local level and global, where many local economies had to reinvent themselves to survive, especially in those places where state aid arrived late or simply did not arrive.

The appearance of vaccines, despite their possible side effects, some of which are still to be elucidated, allowed society to resume its traditional activities in the tourism sector, opening up the possibility of recovering some economic capacity, at least for those who were able to continue operating. . Since people have been restricted

for a long time, the demand for tourist and recreational activities has increased significantly, a situation that operators have been taking advantage of. Unfortunately, there has been an increase in prices in this sector higher than other sectors of the economy, some of these price increases are derived from local situations, but also from the world economic situation where there are expectations of recession with high inflation.

From the point of research, the situation described in the preceding paragraphs opens the opportunity to carry out studies aimed at measuring the impact of what is happening as well as proposing new development measures in the sector. Some of these aspects are treated in this issue of the Journal.