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## Spain calls for European response to airlines' coronavirus crisis

*Madrid.*—Spain wants a joint European response to the crisis at airlines caused by travel restrictions to contain the coronavirus pandemic, economy minister Nadia Calvino said yesterday.

"We are strongly supporting that there is a European response," Calvino said in an interview with Bloomberg TV, adding any responses by individual countries should not distort competition.

"All these large carriers are not one nationality or another, they are European carriers," she said.

European Union member states should en-

sure a "level playing field" for airlines, and countries with the deepest pockets should not be able to give more aid to their own airlines to the detriment of those from other countries, she said.

Major European airlines, including Germany's Lufthansa, are negotiating government aid deals as they grapple with the global air travel shutdown and deep uncertainty over prospects for recovery once the pandemic eases. "I think the European Commission is keeping a very close eye to make sure there is no breach of the competition rules," Calvino said.

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- Waiters in face masks served coffees and "bocadillo" sandwiches at cafe terraces in Majorca yesterday as parts of Spain eased restrictions amid a slowing coronavirus epidemic that saw the number of new fatalities drop to a near two-month low.
- About half of Spain's 47 million people progressed to the so-called Phase 1 of a four-step plan to relax one of Europe's strictest lockdowns yesterday after the government decided that the regions in which they live met the necessary criteria. See Full Reports Inside

