

**Question for written answer E-005311/2015
to the Commission**

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Subject: Improvements to fishing production in the EU

The amount of fish being produced in the European Union is still failing to meet demand, which means that around 50 % comes from countries outside the EU.

As a result of this situation, the EU needs to adopt policies which will both reduce our reliance on imports and strengthen our fishing sector, which is currently facing a difficult predicament in many cases.

It is for this reason that the Commission must push for negotiations to improve and renew fishing agreements with non-EU countries, and seek new opportunities for Europe's fishing fleet.

What measures will the Commission be putting in place to reduce our reliance on fishing produce from other countries?

Does the Commission feel that sufficient efforts are being made to negotiate fishing agreements that are suitable for our fleet?

What new opportunities does the Commission think may open up for the European fishing sector?