

**Question for written answer E-016022/2015
to the Commission**
Rule 130
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Subject: Application of Article 17 of Regulation (EU) No 1380/2013

Article 17 of Regulation (EU) No 1380/2013 stipulates that when allocating the fishing opportunities available to them, Member States shall use transparent and objective criteria including those of an environmental, social and economic nature. These criteria may include, inter alia, the history of compliance and the contribution to the local economy.

If the allocation of quotas at national level is governed by the principle of subsidiarity, it is the duty of the Member States to apply Article 17 when distributing and allocating national quotas.

Can the Commission state whether it is checking that Article 17 is correctly applied in the Member States concerned? As the Guardian of EU Law, can it draw up a list of the transparent and objective criteria used by each Member State when allocating fishing opportunities?