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to the Commission
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Subject: Acidification and pollution of the Mediterranean

According to a number of studies, the Mediterranean is one of the most polluted and acidified bodies of water. As a result, oily fish, in particular sardines and anchovies, do not meet the minimum requirements needed to have an adequate market value and therefore incur economic losses for the fisheries sector. The industry in the south of Catalonia is faced with this critical situation . Similarly, for many years, compensation has not been offered during closures, which has lead to substantial losses. The fact that Italy and France pay compensation is an indication of the differences in the enactment of European legislation.

- Does the Commission intend to set out and apply a viability plan for the conservation of oily fish in the Mediterranean?
- How does the Commission view Spain's failure to pay compensation during closures?
- Can the Commission provide more information on the research contract concluded under the framework of the European Maritime and Fisheries Fund (EMFF) in an effort to obtain scientific guidance on the Mediterranean?