

**Question for written answer E-005196/2017
to the Commission**

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Subject: Advisory Council recommendations

On 22 June the EU's advisory councils for the long-distance fleet (LDAC), the Market (MAC) and the Mediterranean (MEDAC) published a number of recommendations to improve the implementation of the EU Regulation to prevent, deter and eliminate illegal, unreported and unregulated fishing. One of these recommendations is for the development of an IT tool allowing data exchange between the control authorities of different Member States; another calls for enhanced cooperation between the Commission and the European Fisheries Control Agency to develop guidelines for the verification of catch certificates; and another calls for greater transparency by publishing the EU action plans with regard to third countries, and setting up a database of vessels licensed to fish in third countries (and making this information publicly available).

Is the Commission developing or will it develop the guidelines proposed by the recommendations?