

**Question for written answer E-004574/2018  
to the Commission**

Rule 130

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Subject: Noia shellfish hatchery

In 2006, the Consellería de Pesca de la Xunta de Galicia (Fisheries Council of the Government of Galicia) authorised Noia Fishermen's Guild to open a bivalve hatchery for clams and oysters in O Freixo (Outes). Construction work began in 2007, with funding of EUR 1 252 932.74 provided by the Government of Galicia. The site began operations in 2009, when the project received the final payment of the EU funding allocated in 2007 via the Financial Instrument for Fisheries Guidance, for a total of EUR 1 265 136.53 (Dossier: IFOP-3211GAL0015, case 321). Operations at the hatchery came to an end in 2014, five years after it opened, and since then it has been abandoned, although every now and again rumours emerge that it may soon reopen.

1) Is the Commission aware that this hatchery is closed and satisfied that all of the requirements have been met in relation to its status as a recipient of EU funding?

2) In view of the fact that it is relatively common for projects financed with European funds to fail to be responsibly implemented, has the Commission conducted some form of monitoring of projects which operate for five years before closing after this period or in subsequent years?