

WRITTEN QUESTION E-0666/02
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to the Commission

Subject: EU funding of the trawler 'Atlantic Dawn'

The trawler 'Atlantic Dawn' appears to have been built in a Norwegian shipyard and launched by an Irish shipowner, yet is not registered with the EU as a fishing vessel. The trawler is currently fishing in the waters of Mauritania under an individual agreement of the shipping company with that country, and is therefore in competition with both domestic and EU fleets, who are entitled to fish there under the EU agreement with Mauritania.

1. Can the Commission confirm my information on the origin and present use of the trawler?
2. What does the Commission intend to do about the failure to register the fishing vessel?
3. How much EU money was used to fund the 'Atlantic Dawn'?

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