

**Question for written answer E-011254/2013
to the Commission**
Rule 117
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Subject: Early retirement schemes

Under the European Fisheries Fund (EFF) and the socio-economic compensation element, provision was made for Member States to 'benefit from EFF financing to implement socio-economic measures designed to help fishermen who are victims of resource depletion or of the sector's poor economic situation. Such measures may include training or conversion programmes, the financing of early retirement, etc.'

Is the Commission aware of whether any Member States sought and obtained approval for early retirement schemes for their fishermen?

If so, which Member States? How much was paid from the EFF to each of the Member States? What did each individual fisherman receive in each of the participating Member States?