

**Question for written answer E-002592/2014
to the Commission**

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Subject: Problems with the CMO for fisheries: lack of withdrawal prices

At a recent meeting with producers' organisations from the fisheries sector, I was informed that since the end of 2013 there has been no measure of any sort relating to minimum prices/support for fish withdrawal.

According to producers' organisations, this is a key market intervention tool of particular importance to seine fishing, which is typified by the unpredictability of catches and volatility of prices.

At present, there has been no instrument in this respect since the end of 2013. The previous programme came to an end and has not yet been replaced by the so-called 'trigger prices' provided for under the new CMO. The result is highly prejudicial to producers.

In light of the above, can the Commission answer the following:

1. Is it aware of this situation and its negative impact on producers' organisations and market stability? How does the Commission view the situation?
2. What should producers' organisations expect in the future? When will an instrument addressing withdrawal prices, or something similar, be available again?