

**Question for written answer E-005592/2014
to the Commission**
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Subject: Inclusion of Galicia's cephalopod fishing fleet in the EU-Mauritania Fisheries Agreement

The Commission announced this week that the first round of negotiations on the EU-Mauritania bilateral fisheries agreement will open on 5 May in Paris.

Galicia's cephalopod fishing fleet was excluded when the current agreement was adopted. Does the Commission now plan to include it? Does the Commission know how serious the effects of this unfair decision have been on the cephalopod sector in Galicia, where some vessels have had to be scrapped while others have been beached and their crews have still not received aid of any kind?

Will the Commission place pressure on Mauritania to recognise that it cannot apply political double standards in negotiations by citing sustainability criteria while allowing fleets from third countries, including China, to fish unchecked for cephalopods?