

**Question for written answer E-005537/2017/rev.1
to the Commission**

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Subject: Ship recycling

The Commission has withdrawn from the European timetable the proposal to introduce financial support for ship recycling in the EU.

This decision significantly affects the application of the European regulation which requires ships to be recycled from 31 December 2018.

NGOs, like Shipbreaking Platform, are shocked at this decision, which will encourage ship-owners to opt for de-flagging rather than recycling their ships in branches which create jobs in France and Europe.

More than 8 out of 10 European ships end up being dismantled on the Indian sub-continent in unacceptable sanitary and environmental conditions.

Is this decision a result of austerity?

Does the Commission intend to introduce some sort of incentive for recycling? If so, in what amount and when?