Question for written answer E-002938/2019 to the Commission
Rule 138
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Subject: Use of the EMFF

The fisheries local action group (FLAG) 'Sviluppo Mare Isole di Ischia e Procida S.C.A.R.L.' is one of the instruments supporting integrated planning in the period 2014-2020 operating under the EMFF by means of community-led local development (CLLD) as provided for in Articles 32 to 35 of Regulation (EU) No 1303/2013 and Articles 58 to 64 of Regulation (EU) No 508/2014.

According to the FLAG, the earthquake that struck the island of Ischia in August 2017 critically endangered the implementation of the Action Plan, as well as having an impact on tourism. This assumption is not supported by statistical data<sup>1</sup>.

The readjustment of the Action Plan does not take due account of the needs of fishermen: only 2 Actions (AZ.SSL.1.A and AZ.SSL.2.C) treat fishermen as beneficiaries, but for activities not directly linked to the transition to sustainable fishing (collection of waste at sea and acquisition of recreational craft for the purpose of chartering or adapting vessels to carry out fishing tours).

On what basis does the Commission consider that the Action Plan of the FLAG 'Sviluppo Mare Isole di Ischia e Procida S.C.A.R.L.' provides adequate support for fishermen in the transition to sustainable fishing, as provided for by the EMFF 2014-2020?

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