

**Question for written answer E-002438/2020**  
**to the Commission**  
Rule 138  
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**Subject:** Establishing a funding programme to provide information on the EMFF

Each year, the 'Funds for information measures relating to the common agricultural policy' programme co-finances projects to inform the public about the common agricultural policy (CAP).

Through information campaigns, audiovisual activities, articles and apps, citizens are informed about the measures made available by the EU in the agricultural sector.

A similar initiative should be adopted also for the fisheries and aquaculture sector, to inform operators, and any members of the public who might be interested, of the opportunities offered by the European Maritime and Fisheries Fund (EMFF).

Indeed, the EMFF is often not used because of a lack of sufficient knowledge and difficulty in understanding the administrative procedures that need to be followed.

Given that fisheries and aquaculture are among the sectors which have been the most adversely affected by the COVID-19 crisis, to the extent that they have been the subject of extraordinary support measures on the part of the EU, and in view of the new EMFF 2021-2027, can the Commission answer the following questions:

1. Is it aware that less attention is being paid to fisheries compared to other production sectors, despite the excellent job being done by specialist journals and journalists?
2. Will it take into consideration the advisability and feasibility of a funding programme for information and communication measures relating to the EMFF and to European fisheries policies, along the lines of the action taken for the CAP?