

**Question for written answer E-004198/2020
to the Commission**

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Subject: Recovery of the European eel

In its 2020 Work Programme, the Commission indicated its intention to withdraw its 2012 proposal for a regulation of the European Parliament and the Council amending Council Regulation (EC) 1100/2007 establishing measures for the recovery of the stock of European eel, as the Council had not adopted a position. The regulation would have aimed at reinforcing the protection of the European eel through a more integrated approach.

In its evaluation of the Eel Regulation published in February 2020¹, the Commission notes that the 'the status of the European eel remains critical' and that 'its recovery is still far from certain'. The evaluation also highlights several gaps in the existing legislation and its implementation.

1. What measures does the Commission intend to take to ensure the recovery of the European eel?
2. If the 2012 proposal is withdrawn, will it consider presenting a new proposal for a regulation?

Supporters²

¹ https://ec.europa.eu/fisheries/press/european-eel-recovery-where-are-we-after-decade_en

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