

**Question for written answer E-004977/2020
to the Commission**

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Subject: *Brexit* Adjustment Reserve and the fisheries, processing and marketing sectors

At its special meeting held from 17 to 21 July 2020, the European Council concluded by calling for the creation of a new EUR 5bn *Brexit* Adjustment Reserve to offset the unforeseen and adverse impact on the Member States and sectors most affected by the United Kingdom's withdrawal from the European Union. The Commission has accordingly been invited to submit a proposal to this effect.

In the meantime, the Commission itself has issued numerous warnings that, in the event of no agreement, EU vessels would risk forfeiting access to UK fishing waters from the end of the transition period. This would have a significant impact on the activities of Union fishing fleets, eroding their profits and undermining the economies of many communities.

In view of this, what percentage of the *Brexit* Adjustment Reserve will be earmarked for measures to mitigate the adverse economic impact of UK withdrawal from the EU on coastal regions and on the supply chain in the maritime and related sectors, encompassing fisheries, processing and marketing?