

**Question for written answer E-006354/2020
to the Commission**

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Subject: Offshore renewable energy impact assessments

The Commission recently presented plans to scale up offshore wind energy, aiming for a 25-fold boost in wind power at sea as part of EU efforts to phase out fossil fuels in line with the Paris Agreement. The strategy proposes to increase the EU's offshore wind capacity from its current level of 12 GW to at least 60 GW by 2030 and to 300 GW by 2050.

In this context, some have expressed concerns about the preservation of marine ecosystems and biodiversity.

Does the Commission plan to provide financial support for environmental impact assessments to be carried out as part of the development of wind farms across the EU's sea basins?