

**Question for written answer E-001194/2021  
to the Commission**

Rule 138

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Subject: Maritime spatial planning at national level

In its communication entitled 'An EU strategy to harness the potential of offshore renewable energy for a climate-neutral future', the Commission points out that '[m]aritime spatial planning is an essential and well-established tool to anticipate change, prevent and mitigate conflicts between policy priorities while also creating synergies between economic sectors'.

The Commission notes, specifically, that maritime spatial planning is one of the essential elements in ensuring that offshore renewables can coexist with other activities such as fishing and aquaculture.

Directive 2014/89/EU of the European Parliament and of the Council of 23 July 2014 establishing a framework for maritime spatial planning requires all coastal Member States to submit national spatial plans to the Commission 'as soon as possible, and at the latest by 31 March 2021'.

1. Does the Commission know which Member States have already submitted a maritime spatial plan in line with Directive 2014/89/EU?
2. Does the Commission know which Member States have not yet submitted their plan?
3. Has the Commission received requests to extend the deadline for the submission of national spatial plans?