

**Question for written answer E-001719/2021  
to the Commission**

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Subject: EU maritime technology sector and the lack of trade defence

EU trade defence instruments such as anti-subsidy measures cover most manufacturing industries, but are not designed to include shipbuilding. This is because ships are technically speaking not 'released for free circulation' into the EU, as they are generally put into operation at shipyards. This makes Europe's maritime technology sector, as an exception to the rule, particularly vulnerable to unfair competition from outside the EU, and could harm the EU's economic and geopolitical interests, as we could become more dependent on third countries, such as China, for this strategic sector.

1. What action will the Commission take to ensure the application of Regulation (EU) 2016/1035 on protection against injurious pricing of vessels?
2. Will the Commission specifically include the maritime technology sector in its proposal for a foreign subsidies instrument, given that the sector remains particularly exposed?
3. Is the Commission willing to recognise the maritime technology sector as a strategic sector and analyse the effectiveness of Regulation (EU) 2019/452 on the screening of foreign direct investments in this regard?