

**Question for written answer E-002508/2021
to the Commission**

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Subject: FAO Blue Fishing Ports Network and installation of its permanent headquarters in Vigo

The purpose of the Food and Agriculture Organisation (FAO)¹ Blue Fishing Ports project is to help achieve poverty reduction and food security through an innovative strategy designed to use marine resources more effectively and enhance the social, economic and environmental benefits for communities dependent on fishing and aquaculture.

The first FAO Blue Ports workshop organised by the Port of Vigo (Spain) in June 2019 was concerned with the mainstreaming of the blue economy into strategic and operational port planning. In the course of proceedings, a number of FAO representatives recommended the city of Vigo as a permanent seat for this body. The Spanish Senate has already adopted a motion urging the Government to formally request the FAO to install a permanent office in Vigo for the purpose of developing and managing a Global Port Network².

What view does the Commission take of the FAO Blue Ports Network initiative and the possibility of a permanent seat for this body in Vigo?

¹ <http://www.fao.org/in-action/globefish/news-events/details-news/en/c/1392282/>

² <https://www.pp.es/actualidad-noticia/senado-aprueba-una-mocion-pp-que-vigo-cuenta-una-sede-permanente-fao>