

Question for written answer E-005210/2021
to the Commission
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Subject: Consequences of the rising price of raw materials for producers in the fishing industry and the canning and freezing sectors

The prices of raw materials have shot up in recent months, affecting all levels of European industry. This widespread crisis is having an impact on the fishing industry, pushing up the prices of the raw materials used in packaging. It's also affecting logistics in the industry, with sea freight rates for containers having increased exponentially. Electricity and natural gas prices have increased as well, and this too is having an impact on the fish supply chain.

This situation is getting worse by the day, with no end in sight. It is having an adverse impact on business structures and on price volatility in the markets, threatening the solvency of the entire industry.

In the light of the foregoing:

1. What impact is the lack of raw materials in the EU having on all levels of the fishing industry?
2. How does the Commission think the fishing industry is being affected by the shortage of raw materials and the rise in prices? What is the Commission going to do about it?