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**Subject:** Offshore wind farms must not endanger marine ecosystems

The construction of the first offshore wind farm in France's Bay of Saint-Brieuc is being called into question by both the 300 small-scale fishermen working in the area and environmental organisations.

The wind farm will be built only 16.3 km off the coast, whilst the average for such farms is 45 km. The 62 wind turbines will be 207 metres high.

In addition to being an eyesore, offshore wind farms also endanger the marine ecosystem. The noise and vibrations caused by the works threaten to wipe out a wide variety of species and they endanger fish nurseries. The valuable scallop beds could also be affected and there is a significant risk of birds colliding with the turbine blades.

Against the interests of electricity consumers, the French Government has guaranteed an electricity feed-in tariff of EUR 155 per megawatt, making the electricity generated there the most expensive in Europe.

In the context of its strategy on offshore renewable energy, will the Commission check whether the project to build this unprofitable, environmentally catastrophic wind farm also conceals serious irregularities?