

**Question for written answer E-001220/2022  
to the Commission**

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**Subject:** Opinion of the European Parliament Committee on Fisheries regarding the proposal for the revision of the Energy Taxation Directive

On 22 March 2022, the European Parliament's Committee on Fisheries adopted by 23 votes to 5 its opinion on the proposal for a reform of the Energy Taxation Directive, presented by the Commission on 14 July 2021.

The opinion of the Committee on Fisheries rejects the introduction of a new fuel tax, stating that it would put the EU fisheries sector at a competitive disadvantage vis-à-vis other countries, would lead to unequal treatment between territories and fleets, and would lead to an increase in the price of fish.

The opinion concludes that the 'Union fishing sector should therefore continue to benefit from the exemptions provided for in Directive 2003/96/EC of the Council'.

Moreover, in some parts of the EU, such as Galicia (Spain), the price of fishing fuel has risen by up to 380 % since May 2020 and by 47 % since 1 February 2022.

1. Will the Commission reconsider its proposal for a directive in light of the opinion of the Committee on Fisheries?
2. In light of the constant increases in the price of fossil fuels, does the Commission believe that it is still necessary, useful and appropriate to introduce a minimum tax in order to discourage its consumption by the fisheries sector?