

**Question for written answer E-001221/2022
to the Commission**

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Subject: Specific measures to help the fisheries, aquaculture and processing sectors cope with the price crisis

Following a meeting of the Council of the European Union in its Agriculture and Fisheries configuration (AGRIFISH) on 21 March 2022, Commissioner Sinkevičius said that the fisheries, aquaculture and processing sectors were facing big challenges due to the high energy, oxygen and raw material prices, and that the Commission was going to propose specific State-aid and EMFAF¹ measures to support them².

1. How many million euro will be disbursed from the EMFAF to help the sea-to-industry supply chain cope with these high fuel and logistics prices?
2. When does the Commission expect those affected actually to receive this aid?
3. Is there anything in EU law that would prevent Member State governments from introducing additional support measures for the sector such as, for example, suspending payment of social security contributions or port taxes, or lowering – or even abolishing – VAT on seafood?

¹ European Maritime, Fisheries and Aquaculture Fund.

² <https://twitter.com/VSinkevicius/status/1505983651619774476>