

**Question for written answer E-003230/2022
to the Commission**

Rule 138

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Subject: Availability of financing facilities for small-scale producer organisations

The Irish Islands Marine Resource Organisation (IIMRO) is a small-scale producer organisation (PO) based on the offshore islands of Ireland, which was recognised as a PO in February 2021. The organisation's production and marketing plan was approved in December 2021.

However, a financing facility normally available to small-scale POs that provides a 50 % advance to assist with the establishment costs and cash flow of a new PO has been refused by the Member State.

It is vital that small-scale producer organisations are supported to enable them to deliver their obligations under Regulation (EU) No 1379/2013 establishing a common organisation of the markets in fishery and aquaculture products¹ and to comply with the letter and spirit of Regulation (EU) No 1380/2013 on the common fisheries policy².

1. Is the Commission aware of such financing facilities in Member States?
2. What steps will the Commission take to ensure that the necessary support is provided to small-scale fishery producer organisations?

¹ OJ L 354, 28.12.2013, p. 1.

² OJ L 354, 28.12.2013, p. 22.