

**Question for written answer E-001341/2023  
to the Commission**

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Subject: Commercial fishing is being squeezed out

European commercial fishing is in dire straits if the prospects for Europe's fishing grounds are anything to go by. Protected areas with strict fishing regulations and plans involving the industrial exploitation of large marine areas – to accommodate the offshore wind industry – will reduce the number of fishing grounds in the future. The possibility that the wind industry and trawl-fishing might actually be able to co-exist does not appear to have been entertained.

With that in mind:

What is the Commission's view of the risk of European commercial fishing being squeezed out of established fishing grounds while demand for commercial fisheries products is high?

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