

**Question for written answer E-001395/2023  
to the Commission**  
Rule 138  
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**Subject:** For more peaceful management of the Eastern English Channel and Southern North Sea

On 29 September 2022, during the trilogue on revision of Article 5 of the Common Fisheries Policy Regulation, Parliament and the Commission adopted a joint declaration on the fishing situation in the English Channel. They took note of the situation in the Channel and the concerns raised by local and regional stakeholders regarding the uneasy coexistence of different fishing gears, different nationalities and different techniques. The situation has led to management of the waters being neither calm nor sustainable.

Along with Parliament, the Commission has undertaken to move forward on the matter as part of the regionalisation process.

In the light of the above:

1. Does the Commission play a role in facilitating the ongoing discussions between affected Member States?
2. Given the importance of this stretch of sea and the challenges involved, is the Commission planning to propose a management plan for the Eastern English Channel and Southern North Sea?

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