

**Question for written answer E-001838/2023
to the Commission**

Rule 138

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Subject: Addressing decommissioning and repowering in the offshore renewable energy sector

In the Commission communication 'An EU Strategy to harness the potential of offshore renewable energy for a climate neutral future' (COM(2020)0741), the Commission announced that it would analyse the cost and impact of decommissioning offshore installations with a view to assessing whether, both for the dismantling of existing installations and for future decommissioning activities, EU-wide legal requirements were needed to minimise the environmental, safety and economic impact. To our knowledge, the Commission has not yet published the results of this analysis or indicated what follow-up measures it will take.

1. What are the outcomes of the analysis mentioned in the Commission communication, and what follow-up measures have been taken?
2. Does the current legal framework require:(a) a full decommissioning plan to be agreed prior to construction, including the removal of wind turbines, foundations, offshore substations, meteorological masts and cables, as well as operations to clear and restore the seabed;(b) a plan for the partial repowering of offshore wind farms?
3. Under the current legal framework, who bears the financial cost of repowering or decommissioning offshore wind farms?

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