

**Question for written answer E-002903/2023  
to the Commission**

Rule 138

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**Subject:** Croatia's failure to comply with EU rules on ensuring an effective monitoring system for bluefin tuna farms

According to press reports, on 28 September 2023, the Commission decided to send a reasoned opinion to Croatia for failing to comply with EU rules on ensuring an effective monitoring and control system for Croatian bluefin tuna farms.

Indeed, the Commission had already sent a letter of formal notice to Croatia in February 2022, identifying serious shortcomings in the monitoring of bluefin tuna transfer and caging operations. To date, it appears that Croatia has still not taken the necessary measures to remedy the above-mentioned shortcomings.

In view of the above:

1. What measures will the Commission take to put an end to Croatia's failure to comply with EU rules?
2. Does it not agree that the serious shortcomings in the monitoring of Croatian bluefin tuna farms are a danger to the health of European consumers?
3. How does it intend to protect businesses and fishing crews in the Upper Adriatic, in particular in the regions of Veneto and Friuli Venezia Giulia, that, unlike Croatia, comply with European legislation on bluefin tuna farming?

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