

WRITTEN QUESTION P-5900/08
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to the Commission

Subject: European rules on aid for tuna fishing in the Mediterranean

Tuna fishery workers in the Mediterranean are concerned about the consequences of the new European measures regulating bluefin tuna fishing. In particular they want to know how the European subsidies work and how they are distributed.

Can the Commission provide information for fishery workers on what steps and procedures have been followed as regards the distribution and use of this funding? Can the Commission also provide them with information on how this Community funding is divided between Member States' budgets and, thereafter, how it is shared out between the different regions concerned?

Can the Commission indicate how it intends to apply the principle of transparency when awarding this aid and what financial control procedures are provided for?