

WRITTEN QUESTION P-3419/09
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to the Commission

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Article 15 of the Commission's draft regulation stipulates that fishing vessels exceeding 10 metres length overall must record by electronic means fisheries logbook information and send it by electronic means to the competent authority of the flag Member State at least once a day. My question concerns funding for sending catch data by electronic means. Most EU fishermen seem to agree that financial resources will need to be increased to ensure that the data concerned can be sent electronically.

Does the Commission plan to make available additional funding from the European Fisheries Fund given the costs arising from the daily electronic reporting requirement and the cost of managing the data?