

**Question for written answer P-005130/2013
to the Commission**

Rule 117

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Subject: 50 % increase in the scheme to compensate for the additional costs incurred in the marketing of certain fishery products from the outermost regions

In a recent letter to the Chair of Parliament's Committee on Fisheries, the Commissioner for Maritime Affairs and Fisheries announced that she would be presenting a proposal to the College for a 50 % increase in the amount allocated to the scheme to compensate for the additional costs incurred in the marketing of certain fishery products from the outermost regions.

Can the Commission provide the following information?

1. Can it confirm that the total amount available to all the outermost regions is to be increased from the present EUR 15 million a year (4.3 for Portugal, 5.8 for Spain and 4.9 for France) to EUR 22.5 million (6.45 for Portugal, 8.7 for Spain and 7.35 for France)?
2. In view of the fact that under the Community support framework for 2007-2013, the compensation scheme applied only to 'additional costs incurred in the marketing of certain fishery products' and that under the terms of the proposal put to the European Maritime and Fisheries Fund (EMFF) it is to be extended to 'additional costs incurred by the operators in the fishing, farming and marketing' of such products, what does the Commission calculate as being the value of any real increase in this compensation scheme?