

**Priority question for written answer P-001568/2022  
to the Commission**  
Rule 138  
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Subject: Implementation of Regulation (EC) No 1100/2007 on European eel

In its reply of 4 November 2021, the Commission pointed out that on 17 February 2020 a wide-ranging consultation with stakeholders and regional groups had taken place to assess Regulation (EC) No 1100/2007 on European eel. According to the report on the findings of the consultation, the Eel Regulation is still fit for purpose as an instrument for the recovery of European eel stocks. The consultation also established that in future more emphasis should be placed on non-fisheries-related measures in the implementation of the Eel Regulation. This decision was taken on the basis of expert ICES opinions on eel that have remained unchanged; it does not stem from a change in the status of eel or from a drastic change in the eel stock in 2021.

1. Specifically, on what new evidence is the approach set out in the consultation based?
2. What other steps is the Commission now planning to take on this matter?
3. Are there plans to involve any other stakeholders in the consultation?