

**Priority question for written answer P-002885/2023  
to the Commission**

Rule 138

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Subject:     Reactivation of Article 26 of the EMFAF to address the difficulties related to the price of diesel

The volatile prices of fuels used by fishing vessels create uncertainty and reduce the profitability of fishing companies. We must provide support to ensure the financial viability of those who feed us. The support package enabled by the European Maritime, Fisheries and Aquaculture Fund (EMFAF), which has been extended four times, is due to be brought to a close at the end of 2023. However, fuel prices have not fallen.

Given the difficulties brought about in relation to fuel prices, and as Chair of the Committee on Fisheries, I hereby call for specific action to be taken to support the fisheries sector and I would like to know the following:

1.   How does the Commission intend to support fishers now that the EMFAF support scheme is due to come to an end?
2.   Does the Commission intend to reactivate the authorisation to implement Article 26(2) of Regulation 2021/1139 establishing the European Maritime, Fisheries and Aquaculture Fund (EMFAF)?

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