

**Priority question for written answer P-001118/2024
to the Commission**

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Subject: Crisis in the fisheries sector: support measures for fishers with fishing vessels over 24 metres in length

Regulation (EU) 2021/1139 of the European Parliament and of the Council establishing the European Maritime, Fisheries and Aquaculture Fund and amending Regulation (EU) 2017/1004 puts in place funding to support the fisheries sector.

Article 20 establishes a one-off payment for fishers affected by permanent cessation of fishing activities.

Under Article 18, financial support for the modernisation or replacement of engines is granted only to vessels up to 24 metres in length.

It is important to take into account the serious economic crisis and difficulties currently faced by vessel owners, against a backdrop where the EU's entire Mediterranean fisheries sector is being penalised.

It is vital to ensure the sustainability and future competitiveness of the fisheries sector, in line with the objectives of sustainable and inclusive growth in the European Union. I would therefore ask the Commission the following questions:

1. Is it considering introducing derogations or specific scenarios to allow vessels over 24 metres in length to benefit from fishing authorisations under certain conditions, thereby recognising their specific needs in times of crisis?
2. Does it intend to identify possible financial support measures for vessels over 24 metres in length so that their owners, too, can benefit from support tailored to their changing needs?

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