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Subject: ETS: Measures to protect the maritime transport sector and Europe's islands

The inclusion of maritime transport in the EU's ETS system has a serious economic and social impact on island communities such as Sicily and Sardinia as well as the communities of many other European islands with more than 200 000 inhabitants.

It is a well-known fact that the maritime sector is difficult to decarbonise. The obligation to purchase emission allowances therefore affects the entire sector, ultimately hitting shipowners, road hauliers using sea motorways for their connections, as well as consumers and businesses in island areas.

With the progressive tightening of the directive's obligations, the situation is set to worsen, undermining the territorial continuity recognised as a fundamental value of the EU and the functioning of the entire logistics system of a number of Member States.

In view of this:

1. Does the Commission plan to carry out an assessment of the economic and social impact of the obligations in question and perform a review that takes into consideration the various types of areas?
2. What specific measures does it plan to take to support maritime transport stakeholders and local economies?
3. Does it plan to adopt compensation mechanisms to mitigate disparities and lighten the economic impact on consumers?

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