

**Question for written answer E-003831/2025
to the Commission**
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Subject: Imbalances in Norwegian quotas and proposal to sanction unfair competition in the EU fisheries sector

The EU fishing industry, with particular emphasis on the Spanish fishing industry, is suffering as a result of harmful practices coming from Norway: unilateral quotas, limitations on access for EU fleets and distortions in the mackerel market. The Galician media recently reported that the Commission was considering using a tool to sanction Norway if it arbitrarily self-allocates quotas. So far, the Commission's inaction has allowed these practices to continue, causing serious harm to our fishing crews, who compete in clearly unfair conditions.

In this context:

1. Can the Commission confirm whether it is formally assessing a sanctioning or corrective mechanism for Norway in case of unilateral self-allocation of quotas, and how does it intend to activate it?
2. How will it ensure that this mechanism goes beyond just making announcements and effectively defends the interests of Spanish and EU fishing crews against market distorting practices?
3. Is the Commission considering implementing compensatory measures or other measures – tariffs, safeguards or regulations – to restore the competitiveness of the EU fisheries sector in the face of Norway's abusive behaviour?

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