

**Question for written answer E-004069/2025  
to the Commission**  
Rule 144  
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**Subject:** EMFAF cuts likely to have a serious impact on Galicia

According to the data provided, there is going to a severe reduction (67 %) in the budget for the European Maritime, Fisheries and Aquaculture Fund (EMFAF): it will fall from EUR 6.108 billion for the period 2021-2027 to EUR 2 billion for 2028-2034.

These drastic cuts will have an extremely negative impact on fishing regions such as Galicia. With a budget of just over EUR 6 billion, some 2 200 vessels have been scrapped in the last 20 years – from 6 400 vessels in 2005 to 4 200 in 2025 – so a budget of just EUR 2 billion for the next period is likely to have a catastrophic impact. Indeed, there is no consideration for the fact that some areas are highly dependent on the fisheries and shellfish industries, and have no alternatives available to them.

In addition, Galicia has the oldest fleet in Europe – vessels are 38 years old on average – and the fisheries sector still accounts for almost 6 % of the region's GDP.

In view of the above:

1. Is the Commission aware of this situation, which may further exacerbate the situation facing Galicia's fishing fleet?
2. What measures will it take to ensure that it does not cause any further destruction to Galicia's fisheries sector?

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