

Question for written answer E-004550/2025
to the Commission
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Subject: Implementing the obligation concerning the digitalisation of traceability data laid down by Regulation (EU) 2023/2842

Pursuant to the Fisheries Control Regulation (Regulation (EU) 2023/2842), the sector's traceability data will have to be digitalised as of 10 January 2026. However, this deadline is unrealistic for many operators given the absence of a harmonised EU technical framework.

The fact that the Commission withdrew all articles concerning digitalisation from its latest proposal for a delegated act supplementing the Fisheries Control Regulation is testament to how challenging this process will be.

In the notice accompanying its proposal, the Commission stated that it will organise a series of technical meetings to specify how digitalisation will be implemented in practice. The EC has also commissioned a study on this topic.

In addition, the French fisheries sector is actively working to establish a robust traceability system to ensure that catch data are shared with actors at the end of the supply chain.

It is therefore clear that rushing digitalisation could hamper the development of a common EU tool.

1. When will the technical meetings the Commission mentioned in the aforementioned notice take place, and what form will they take?
2. What tool will the Commission use to specify the technical arrangements for implementing the digitalisation of traceability data?
3. Is the Commission planning to postpone the date on which the digitalisation obligation will enter into force?

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