

**Question for written answer E-004607/2025
to the Commission**
Rule 144
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Subject: The socio-economic consequences of prolonging the suspension of fishing activities in the Tyrrhenian Sea

In late October 2025, Italy's Ministry of Agriculture, Food Sovereignty and Forests (MASAF) tacked a further month onto the compulsory suspension of bottom trawling in the Tyrrhenian Sea by means of Directorial Decree No 0582398/2025. The decision was taken because the allotted fishing day quota for 2025 had been exceeded by 1 000 units, and was justified on grounds that bottom trawlers had already exhausted their yearly allocation. The MASAF's decision will force around 2 000 fishers and the entire local fishing industry to down tools for two straight months, and could further exacerbate the plight of these coastal communities and compromise the objectives of the EMFAF, which strives to support a sustainable blue economy and protect the fisheries sector as a whole.

Could the Commission therefore answer the following questions:

1. In the light of the above and of the fact that it pledged in the European Ocean Pact to propose priority measures to support the fisheries sector, how will the Commission ensure that Regulation (EU) 2025/219 is implemented in such a way that it upholds the principle of proportionality and does not penalise small and artisanal fishing enterprises, neither of which were responsible for the excessive fishing effort seen in 2025?
2. Will the Commission, together with the Italian authorities, consider triggering or speeding up income compensation measures financed by the EMFAF with a view to mitigating the socio-economic impact of the extended bottom fishing suspension?

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