

**Question for written answer E-001839/2026
to the Commission**
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Subject: Ship safety in the Strait of Hormuz

According to the United Kingdom Maritime Trade Operations Centre, at least two commercial ships, including a Greek vessel, came under fire on 22 April 2026 after coordinated attacks by Iran's Revolutionary Guards Corps as they were coming through the Strait of Hormuz.

This incident raises serious concerns about the safety of shipping and the protection of seafarers amid broader geopolitical unrest, resulting in continued disruption to maritime trade flows and limiting freedom of navigation, in a region that plays a critical role in the global supply chain.

Given the crucial role shipping plays in ensuring the EU's energy security and economic resilience, can the Commission answer the following:

1. What steps does it intend to take, in coordination with the Member States, to ensure the safety of ships and the protection of crews at sea on trade routes?
2. How does it intend to ensure the freedom of European shipping and prevent further escalation on maritime routes of strategic importance, such as the Strait of Hormuz?
3. How does it intend to ensure that European shipping continues to be a pillar of EU energy security, especially in the context of rising geopolitical tensions?

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