

**Question for written answer E-001925/2026
to the Commission**
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Subject: Adequacy and effectiveness of monitoring horsepower (kW) and tonnage (GT) under Regulation (EU) No 1380/2013

Regulation (EU) No 1380/2013 establishes the framework for the Common Fisheries Policy (CFP) with the aim of sustainable exploitation of marine biological resources. In this context, the monitoring of fishing capacity continues to be implemented through the indicators of horsepower (kW) and gross tonnage (GT).

In light of developments in the fisheries sector, technical issues have arisen regarding the application of these indicators. Technological progress in fishing vessels has increased fishing efficiency without a corresponding change in recorded GT and kW. At the same time, there are differences in the practices of recording and certifying engine power between Member States, which affects the comparability of data.

Furthermore, the implementation of the relevant provisions varies at national level. Finally, the GT and kW indicators are not directly linked to biological indicators of fish stock management, such as maximum sustainable yield (MSY), but function mainly as administrative tools for fleet control.

The Commission is asked:

1. How does it assess the suitability of the existing GT and kW indicators as tools for monitoring fishing capacity in light of technological developments, and is the use of complementary fishing effort indicators for monitoring fishing capacity being considered?
2. What measures ensure they are applied uniformly across the EU?
3. Is there provision for updating the methodologies for measuring and certifying fishing capacity?

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