

Question for written answer E-002785/2026
to the Commission
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Subject: Compensation for fishers affected by silver-cheeked toadfish

Silver-cheeked toadfish (*Lagocephalus sceleratus*) were first detected in Greece in 2005. Within a span of 23 years, the fish can now be found not only in Greek waters, but also in those of Italy and Spain. Recently, the damage they have caused to Greek fishers and their property has been extensive. They destroy their marketable catch and fishing gear, reducing their production capacity. This directly affects the Greek fishing industry – a productive mainstay of the Greek economy. Coordinated European action is therefore required, as is compensation for fishers affected by silver-cheeked toadfish.

In view of the above, can the Commission answer the following:

1. Will it provide compensation to fishers affected by silver-cheeked toadfish?
2. Will it take measures to address similar future risks?
3. In the context of drafting the new EU multiannual financial framework for 2028-2034, will it allocate additional resources to strengthen the resilience of the Greek fishing fleet?

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