

Question for written answer E-003637/2026
to the Commission
Rule 144
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Subject: Additional costs for islands arising from the implementation of the FuelEU Maritime Regulation and the application of the ETS to the maritime sector

COM (2026) 520 final¹ acknowledges that islands are burdened with disproportionate ‘insularity costs’, particularly in the transport and housing sectors and as regards access to essential services. The report also highlighted how the ETS and the FuelEU Maritime and Alternative Fuel Infrastructure Regulations provide for exemptions and adjustments for island territories.

However, for many French and European islands, maritime connections are not a luxury, but a vital necessity for their residents, businesses, supply arrangements, health systems and territorial continuity.

1. Can the Commission say whether it intends to prolong, extend or make permanent the exemptions under the ETS and the FuelEU Maritime Regulation that are applicable to islands?
2. Can it guarantee that the decarbonisation of maritime transport will not result in an increase in the cost of living for island residents?
3. Does the Commission intend to explicitly recognise territorial continuity as a priority criterion in any future revision of the texts mentioned above?

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¹ Communication from the Commission to the European Parliament, the Council, the European Economic and Social Committee and the Committee of the Regions on the EU strategy for islands, COM (2026) 520 final, Brussels, 10 June 2026
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