

**Question for written answer E-004027/2026
to the Commission**

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Subject: Fishing effort regime for demersal fisheries in the Adriatic Sea after 2026

During the mission of the Committee on Fisheries (PECH) to Veneto and Marche (21-23 September 2026), operators in Chioggia reported that their days at sea have fallen from around 220 a year during the period up to 2000 to around 135 today, while fuel and fixed costs continue to rise. The five-year fishing effort regime for demersal stocks in the Adriatic Sea (GSAs 17 and 18), established under Recommendation GFCM/43/2019/5, covers the period 2022-2026. The EU position on the next regime is to be established ahead of the General Fisheries Commission for the Mediterranean (GFCM) annual session.

1. Has the Commission assessed the cumulative socio-economic impact of reductions in fishing days on the Italian Adriatic trawl fleet, in particular on vessels of 13 to 19 metres?
2. Will it propose that the EU oppose any further reduction in fishing days for EU fleet segments after 2026?
3. Will it seek mechanisms granting additional fishing days to vessels that adopt more selective gear or other conservation measures, as already applied in the western Mediterranean?

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