

**Question for written answer E-004116/2026/rev.1
to the Commission**
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Subject: Remediation of munitions and chemical weapons dumped in the Baltic Sea

According to HELCOM, approximately 40 000 tonnes of chemical munitions containing roughly 15 000 tonnes of chemical warfare agents were dumped in the Baltic Sea following the Second World War. Significant quantities of conventional munitions also lie on the seabed. The corrosion of these materials poses a threat to the marine environment, the fishing industry and underwater infrastructure.

Despite many years of research and EU-funded projects, practical operations to physically remove these hazards remain limited. As part of its 2025 European Ocean Pact, the Commission announced the development of a comprehensive strategy to clear the dumped munitions.

In light of this:

1. Has the Commission drawn up cost estimates for the safe removal or neutralisation of dumped munitions from the Baltic Sea that take into account the areas of greatest environmental risk, and if not, when does it plan to do so?
2. Does the Commission intend to secure dedicated funding within the next EU multiannual financial framework for the actual removal and neutralisation of the munitions, and to set out a timetable and measurable targets for reducing the environmental hazards in question?

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