

**Question for written answer E-004118/2026
to the Commission**
Rule 144
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Subject: Deploing the channelling of European funds intended to support fisheries into unrelated commercial activities

On 7 October 2026, the ‘Archipelagos’ Institute of Marine Conservation filed a report/complaint with the European Public Prosecutor's Office regarding the channelling of at least EUR 52 million of European funds intended to support fisheries into unrelated commercial activities¹. Specifically, according to the Institute's report, in the period 2021-2026, at least EUR 52 million intended to support the sustainability of the fishing sector (fisheries Leader) were channelled by the competent Ministry of Rural Development into unrelated commercial activities, such as cafés, restaurants, veterinary clinics, physiotherapy clinics, foreign language centres, gyms, luxury accommodation and other activities, unrelated to fishing and the support thereof.

Taking into account the critical period that the Greek fishing industry has been experiencing in recent years, the importance of European funds in really supporting the industry, and the imperative need for sound management of European funds in line with their purpose:

1. Is the Commission aware of the above report/complaint by the ‘Archipelagos’ Institute of Marine Conservation?
2. Does the Commission intend to investigate the allegations of the above critical funds being channelled into unrelated commercial activities, request explanations from the competent Ministry and cooperate with the European Public Prosecutor's Office?
3. What measures does the Commission intend to take to ensure that the relevant European funds are channelled to the actual beneficiaries, fishers, and not to unrelated commercial activities?

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¹ <https://archipelago.gr/pragmatiki-viosimotita-tis-alieias-as-anoixei-i-syzitisi-epi-tis-ousias/>, <https://www.in.gr/2026/10/12/economy/arxipelagos-kalei-eyropaiki-eisaggelia-52-ekat-eyro-gia-tin-alieia-eginan-viles-pisines-magazia/>.