

**Priority question for written answer P-004177/2026
to the Commission**
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Subject: EU support for fishers' fuel costs

High diesel prices are currently exerting considerable economic pressure on the EU's fishers. Some fishers have already been compelled to leave their vessels at the quay, because it is no longer financially viable for them to go to sea. This runs the risk of affecting both fishers' income and the EU's food supply and strategic autonomy.

In the light of the foregoing:

1. Is the Commission considering the establishment of a common EU support scheme that can help fishers with the extraordinarily high fuel costs, and, if so, which existing EU instruments can be used for this purpose?
2. Will the Commission be working towards a common, mandatory EU framework for such support, so that it is not left to individual Member States to decide whether their fishers should have access to the support, but rather ensures that fishers in comparable situations have the same opportunities across the EU?
3. What concrete steps will the Commission take – and by what deadline – to ensure that the EU's fishers can continue their activities in a scenario of high and potentially increasing fuel prices?

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