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**Question for written answer E-001641/26
to the Commission
Kosma Złotowski (ECR)
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Subject: Tasks completed as part of the pilot project: ‘Saving our Seas — Reducing danger of munitions dumped in European seas’

In 2023, a group of MEPs, on the initiative of Ms Anna Fotyga, proposed a pilot project addressing the problem of seabed pollution caused by remnants from the world wars, particularly shipwrecks, dumped chemical weapons, and munitions. These pose a threat to the ecosystem and the maritime economy, especially in the Baltic Sea basin. According to the information we received at the time, the Commission assessed the project positively and it was to be implemented.

In the light of this, I would like to ask the Commission:

1. What specific tasks were commissioned and carried out as part of this pilot project, and have these tasks already been evaluated?
2. What budget did the Commission allocate for implementing this pilot project, and which specific private and public entities received funding?
3. As a result of this pilot project, has the Commission prepared its own initiatives related to funding work on technologies to be used for the safe removal of hazardous substances from the seabed?

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**Answer given by Mr Kadis on behalf of the European Commission
(9 June 2026)**

The pilot project ‘Saving our Seas — Reducing the danger of munitions dumped in European seas’ is currently under implementation and is carried out by a consortium of public and private entities under the CAMMera project ⁽¹⁾, including research organisations, specialised industry actors and technology providers, coordinated by the GEOMAR Helmholtz Centre for Ocean Research. It will run until June 2028.

The project with a budget of EUR 5.6 million supports a range of activities aimed at advancing knowledge and testing innovative approaches for the detection, monitoring, removal and environmentally sound disposal of underwater unexploded ordnance (UXO).

These activities are being progressively implemented and will be assessed through the project’s monitoring and reporting framework, with results expected to inform future actions.

Furthermore, the Commission is also funding the innovation project ‘MMinE-SwEEPER’ ⁽²⁾ under the topic HORIZON-CL3-2023-BM-01 “Identify, inspect, neutralise Unexploded Ordnance (UXO) at sea” of Horizon Europe Cluster 3 “Civil Security for Society”.

MMinE-SwEEPER is developing and testing new technologies, receives EUR 5.9 million of EU grant, and will work until March 2028 with a Consortium of 18 European organisations and innovators.

In parallel, the Commission has initiated consultations with Member States aiming at the development of a comprehensive EU UXO Removal Strategy, as announced under the European Ocean Pact ⁽³⁾.

This work will build on ongoing projects addressing UXO, including CAMMera, as well as Member States’ experience, with a view to strengthening coordination and scaling up effective solutions across European sea basins.

⁽¹⁾ CAMMera — Clearance Activities for Marine Munition through Efficient Remediation Approaches — <https://cammera-munition.eu/>.

⁽²⁾ Marine Munition in Europe — Solutions with Economic and Ecological Profits for Efficient Remediation; <https://cordis.europa.eu/project/id/101167839>.

⁽³⁾ COM/2025/281 final.