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Subject: Adapting the fishing sector to the fishing opportunities for 2025

On 10 December 2024, the EU Council of Ministers approved the fishing opportunities for 2025. Following tough negotiations, and in response to an initial proposal which called into question the very viability of the sector, the agreement recognises the great efforts made by the fisheries sector to protect the Mediterranean's resources, while ensuring the necessary protection of marine resources through the application of various management measures, such as mesh size, closures and fishing gear.

The European Maritime, Fisheries and Aquaculture Fund provides for the possibility of financing innovation measures – as these operations improve fishing gear's selectivity with regard to size or species – and aid for temporary or permanent cessation.

What measures is the Commission considering to help the fisheries sector to swiftly adapt to the measures provided for in the Mediterranean multiannual plan, and, in particular, to finance the measures to be taken by the Mediterranean fleet to maintain working days in 2025?

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