

**Question for written answer E-000065/2025
to the Commission**
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Subject: Reciprocal fees for offshore wind farms

Given the EU's strategy to promote renewable sources of energy and develop offshore wind farms, which are pivotal to achieving the targets of the European Green Deal and energy transition, considerable challenges arise when it comes to ensuring that local communities benefit.

In a number of Member States such as Greece, the concept of reciprocal fees has emerged as a key tool for supporting local communities that are directly affected by the installation and operation of alternative sources of energy. However, the development of offshore wind farms may bring challenges of a different kind, because local communities are affected in a less direct way.

In view of the above:

1. What is the Commission's view on the introduction of reciprocal fees for offshore wind farms, to ensure the sustainable development and social acceptance of these projects?
2. Does the Commission support the adoption of a uniform framework for reciprocal fees for offshore wind farms at EU level, in order to ensure that coastal communities enjoy an equitable share in the economic and environmental benefits?
3. How does it intend to provide financial support to Member States such as Greece which are in the initial stages of developing offshore wind farms, so that they can create suitable mechanisms for reciprocal fees?

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