Question for written answer E-003493/2020 to the Commission Rule 138 Roberta Metsola (PPE)

Subject: Floating renewable energy generation methods

The Commission estimates that the EU will need to produce between 240 and 450 GW of offshore wind power per year by 2050 to keep temperature rises below 1.5 °C. Due to the limited availability of land, floating renewable energy generation methods appear to be a desirable tool to reach this target, and carbon neutrality, by 2050. In recent years, the European Investment Bank (EIB) has invested in floating offshore wind projects in Portugal and France. However, the EU appears to be lagging behind its international competitors in this sector.

- 1. Could the Commission outline any measures intended to increase the share of EU companies in the market and the ability of the EU to develop and produce these technologies?
- 2. Could it also provide information on the commercialisation of the projects financed by the EIB?