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Commissioner for Fisheries and Oceans  
European Commission

cc. Charlina Vitcheva  
Director-General for Maritime Affairs  
and Fisheries  
DG MARE  
European Commission

**Subject: Energy crisis in the fishery sector – Need of action by EC**

Dear Commissioner,

Due to the rapid rise in fuel prices caused by the conflict in the Middle East, **the MEDAC deems needed a proactive response by the EC** to avoid the extensive closure of the fishing activities in Europe. The responsibility to address this energy crisis cannot be completely shifted to the National Institution. The urgency to address the issue has been highlighted in the MEDAC survey aimed to collect updated information from the MEDAC members (please find it attached).

The MEDAC strongly supports the request raised up by the Chair of Parliament's Committee on Fisheries, Carmen Crespo Diaz "*asking the European Commission to **swiftly activate emergency support mechanisms**, such as the crisis and transition temporary framework, similar to those used during the 2022 energy crisis. Among the possible measures, we must mobilise the European Maritime, Fisheries and Aquaculture Fund (EMFAF) crisis instruments so that we can **immediately support the fleets most affected by the exceptional increase in fuel prices**. It is also proposed to temporarily adapt the State aid rules, so that member states can urgently support their fleets. In parallel, exceptional market measures could be activated within the Common Fisheries Policy to mitigate the economic impact of this situation<sup>1</sup>*".

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<sup>1</sup> <https://www.europarl.europa.eu/news/de/press-room/20260317IPR38305/fisheries-committee-chair-calls-on-commission-to-activate-emergency-crisis-fund>

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The MEDAC is confident that you will quickly implement the necessary measures to alleviate this period of crisis.

Kind regards,



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Chair of the MEDAC

