

**Question for written answer E-015781/2015
to the Commission**

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Subject: Level of implementation of the PROMAR programme (EFF) in Portugal and repayment of appropriations

The Portuguese news agency Lusa, citing Commission sources, has reported that there is a risk of under-implementation of PROMAR, Portugal's programme for the European Fisheries Fund (EFF) 2007-2013.

The Commission notes that the economic and financial crisis has had a direct adverse impact on the industry's decisions on investment in fisheries and aquaculture, and abandoned projects have affected the level of take-up of the funds available for Portugal.

The same source adds that, while it is difficult to predict the level of financial execution of the PROMAR programme, it is expected to be between 90 and 100%.

Data on fisheries published at the end of 2014 by the Portuguese National Institute for Statistics (INE) showed a commitment rate of over 100% for PROMAR but an execution rate of only 69.4% of the total amount programmed (EUR 147.2 million in EFF co-financing).

Can the Commission provide updated information on the level of implementation of PROMAR, and specifically on the appropriations that were available for Portugal under the EFF but which were not in fact used and will have to be repaid?