



EUROPEAN COMMISSION
DIRECTORATE-GENERAL FOR MARITIME AFFAIRS AND FISHERIES

The Director-General

Brussels,
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Subject: *Recommendation: reply to the public consultation on the proposal for an implementing regulation (EU) 2021/XX of the European Parliament and of the Council establishing the European Maritime, Fisheries and Aquaculture Fund (EU) 2017/1004 as regards the identification of energy-efficient technologies and the specification of methodological elements for determining the normal fishing effort of fishing vessels.*

Dear Mr Pavón,

Thank you for transmitting the recommendation mentioned in subject of this letter. We take due note of the wish expressed by the Advisory Council to foresee an increase in the engine power of small scale fishing vessels operating and registered in the waters of the Outermost Regions.

I need however to point out that the co-legislators have agreed to maintain the condition that the replacing engine should not have more engine power than that of the current engine. The draft implementing act, subject to a public consultation to which your recommendation provides a reply, cannot alter this approach laid down in the basic Regulation establishing the European Maritime, Fisheries and Aquaculture Fund¹. A Commission implementing regulation has no other purpose than to specify some of the more technical aspects that allow Member States to implement the basic act.

I am looking forward to our continued fruitful cooperation. Should you have any further questions on this reply, please contact Ms Pascale COLSON, coordinator of the Advisory Councils (Pascale.COLSON@ec.europa.eu; +32.2.295.62.73), who will forward it to relevant colleagues.

Yours sincerely,

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¹ Regulation (EU) 2021/1139 of the European Parliament and of the Council of 7 July 2021 establishing the European Maritime, Fisheries and Aquaculture Fund and amending Regulation (EU) 2017/1004

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