

EUROPEAN COMMISSION DIRECTORATE-GENERAL FOR MARITIME AFFAIRS AND FISHERIES

The Director-General

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## Subject: Reply to the letter of the NWWAC on aid for fisheries sector to tackle current crisis

Dear Mr Brouckaert,

I thank you for your letter of 16 March advising the European Commission to create specific aid schemes and help ensure speedy and constructive handling of aid schemes by Member States, in the context of the fuel crisis caused by the war in Ukraine.

I refer to my reply to the joint letter sent by the NWWAC and the NSAC on 20 March for further information. As mentioned in that reply, the Commission is closely monitoring the socio-economic situation and assessing its impact.

The European Commission is considering all possible options across the full range of instruments available to mitigate the disruptions and the consequent socio-economic impacts. At this stage, I would welcome all updated information you could provide.

Yours sincerely,

[e-signed] Charlina VITCHEVA

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