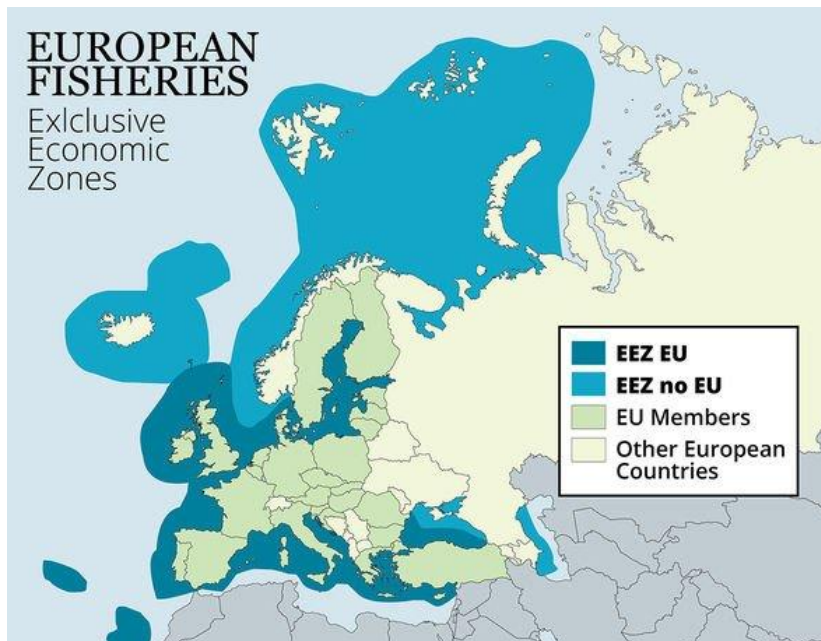


Fisheries Commission calls for review of measures in case of 'hard Brexit'

The European Parliament's Fisheries commission yesterday asked the European Commission for a "comprehensive review" of its contingency measures for the fisheries sector if Brexit occurs without agreement, and warned that the blockade in the negotiations causes uncertainty in this industry. In a debate with representatives of the European Commission, which spearheads the Brexit negotiations, or leaving the United Kingdom from the European bloc, several MEPs warned of uncertainty, specifically regarding access to British waters for European ships and vice versa.

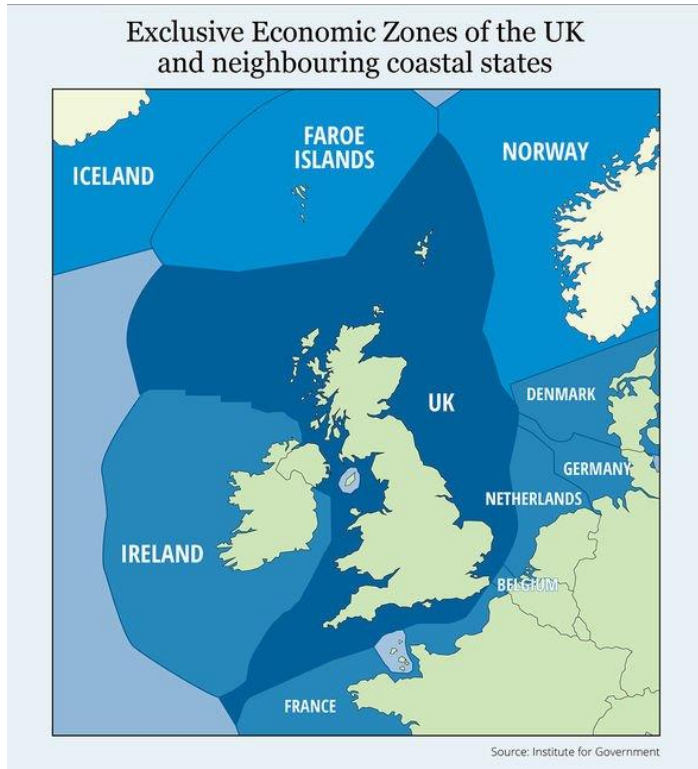


"MEPs are extremely concerned about the immediate prospect of conflict in the event that there is a Brexit without agreement, combined with a closure of British waters," the parliamentary commission said in a statement.

The exit deal agreed by Brussels and London in November 2018 - which has not yet been ratified by the British Parliament - does not include the access of the European fishing fleet to the territorial waters of the United Kingdom once this country is completely separated from the EU structures. Instead, this negotiation was postponed to conversations about the future relationship, which in the case of a



Brexit without agreement would not begin automatically after the abrupt departure of the British. Therefore, after a hard Brexit, a period of regulatory absence would be opened.



The European Commission plans to grant authorizations and guarantee UK ships entry into EU waters until the end of 2020, provided that London adopts an equivalent measure. In the event that the United Kingdom closes the entrance to its waters, the European Maritime and Fisheries Fund (EMFF) may compensate vessels that have to temporarily cease their activity for the closure of British waters.

MEPs also warned of the potential loss of jobs and the situation facing coastal communities. The president of the Fisheries Committees, British MEP Chris Davies, said in a message on his Twitter account that the representatives of the EU Executive transmitted to them today that "a Brexit without agreement could lead to chaos and conflict" at sea.

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