



Aquaculture policy in the EU

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Best practices in aquaculture - April 5, 2022

EU aquaculture policy

EU legislation

EU Guidelines

New guidelines 2021

Exchange of best practices (OMC)

Consolidation

National Strategic Plans

Review 2021

Funding

2021-2027 EMFAF, Horizon Europe, etc.



A stronger role for aquaculture?

European Green Deal

"sustainable seafood as a source of low-carbon food"

"process to identify new innovative food and feed products, such as seafood based on algae"

Farm to Fork

"farmed fish and seafood generate a lower carbon footprint than animal production on land"

"algae should become an important source of alternative protein for a sustainable food system and global food security"



Specific horizontal objectives

Building resilience and competitiveness

Participating in the green transition

Ensuring social acceptance and information to the consumer

Increasing knowledge and innovation



Building resilience and competitiveness

- Access to space and water (spatial planning, definition of areas suitable for aquaculture): Guidance document on the planning for space and access to water for marine, freshwater and land-based aquaculture
- Regulatory and administrative framework (streamlining regulation and procedures, coordination of relevant agencies and stakeholders): *Guidance document on good practices for administrative procedures*
- Animal health and public health (prevention, good husbandry practices, research): Mapping of good husbandry practices
- Climate change (adaptation strategy for the sector, promote mitigation services): Guidance document on sectoral climate adaptation plans and strategies
- Producer and market organisations (promote Producer Organisations and inter-branch associations): Workshops and exchange of good practices
- Control (traceability along the value chain)
- Diversification and adding value (new species, methods and products, product differentiation)



Participating in the green transition

- Environmental performance (implementation of EU legislation, mitigating different types of impacts and promoting low impact aquaculture and aquaculture offering ecosystem services): Guidance document on environmental performance
- Animal welfare (good practices on fish welfare, research and innovation, knowledge and skills): Code of good practice on fish welfare



Social acceptance and consumer information

- Communication on EU aquaculture (information to citizens and consumers on how aquaculture is done in the EU and benefits - mix of tools)
- Integration in local economies (early involvement of local stakeholders, synergies with other economic activities)
- Data and monitoring (streamlining reporting and extending scope)



Knowledge and innovation

- Cooperation
- Dissemination of results
- Synergies
- Attracting investment to innovation
- Skills

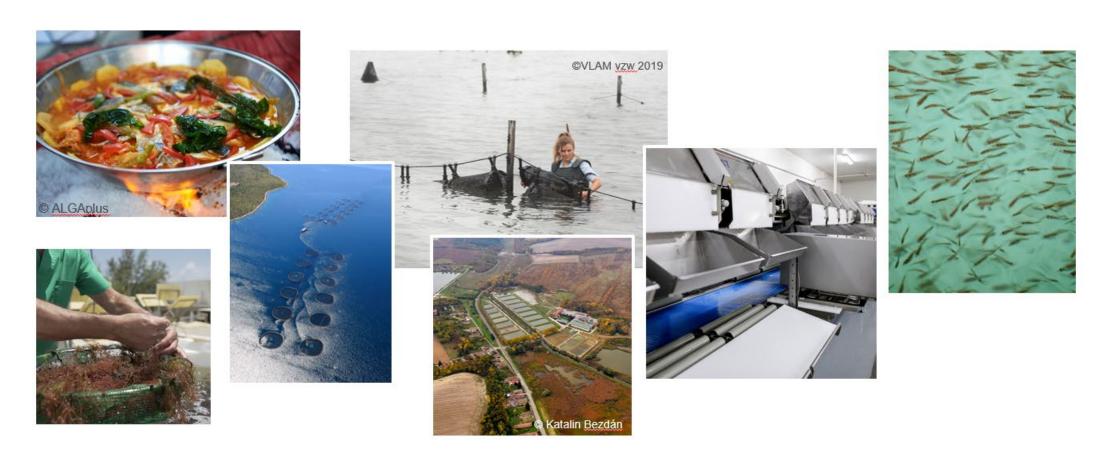


What's next?

- EU Aquaculture Assistance Mechanism
- Political support
- Communication campaign
- Joint event with the Committee of the Regions –
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Thank you for your attention







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