Aquaculture: at mid-point, where do we stand?

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What is the EU concretely doing?

Aim: create a positive environment for the sustainable development of EU aquaculture

• Strategic Guidelines (2013)
  1. Reduce administrative burdens
  2. Facilitate access to water and space
  3. Improve competitiveness
  4. Exploit competitive advantages

? How do we work on these 4 priorities?

• Multiannual National Strategic Plans -> mid-term review by MS (2018)
• Open Method of Coordination -> mid-term evaluation of OMC (2018)
• Funding
• Communication
Member States' initiatives - MANPs

**Improve procedures**
- Review and streamlining, set up of a one-stop-shop, online application, longer licence duration

**Support applicants**
- Guidance for applicants, platforms for dialogue with public administrations, online portals

**Strengthen public administration**
- Improve coordination between involved public bodies, capacity building

**Research - Improvements in production**
- Elaboration of maps/database/studies to identify the most suitable areas for aquaculture
- Stronger role for aquaculture in Maritime Spatial Planning (MSP)
- Harmonisation of regional/local planning/common criteria for selecting zones/guidelines
- Reinforce positive interactions between spatial planning and Natura2000 / Environmental Impact Assessment

**Marketing, Labelling, Communication**
- Change in legislation

**Producer Organisations (POs)**
Exchanges of experiences and good practices - OMC

- 4 workshops with MS (2/year)
- Ongoing dialogue
- Presentation of planned / adopted national initiatives
- Summary of main findings
- Joint initiatives?

Mid-term review in 2018
2018: Mid-term evaluation of the Open Method of Coordination (OMC)

**Objective:**
- assess both national and EU efforts to promote the sustainable development of the sector
- inform MS, stakeholders and the public on the OMC achievements

**Results** will contribute to improving the implementation of the OMC & will provide evidence for the preparation the next programming period.
Funding

• With the CFP, EU support is more significant than ever before with €1.2 billion allocated to the sustainable development of aquaculture in the 2014-2020 period -> funding both for farmers and for administrations

• Also, €46 Million on aquaculture research through H2020 in 2016/2017 (focus on the Mediterranean)
EMFF sustainable aquaculture funding (Union Priority 2)

- Innovative products, species, methods
- Productive investments
- Advisory services
- Human capital
- Increasing potential of aquaculture sites
- Encouraging new farmers
- Eco-management and organic aquaculture

- Environmental services
- Public health
- Animal health and welfare
- Stock insurance

Regulation (EU) 508/2014, Art. 46-57
### EMFF funding allocated to sustainable aquaculture

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- Investments allocated to the aquaculture sector amount to €1.2 billion out of a total €6.4 billion.
- The EMFF can also contribute to the competitiveness of the aquaculture sector by promoting marketing actions, Producers Organisations and actions undertaken through Community-Led Local Development (CLLD).

21% of the EMFF across the EU.
Funding: what's next?

• Currently, internal reflexion on the basis of the outcome of the EMFF Stakeholder Conference in Tallin (Oct 2017)
• Multiannual Financial Framework to be adopted in May 2018
• The findings of the Spending Review on aquaculture -> very low spending
• (!) Quickly accelerate the implementation of the Operational Programmes in Member States
Communication

- **Farmed in the EU campaign** launched in 2014 – all information on the dedicated website, including school projects

- **#FARMEDintheEU** on Twitter
• Information on EU aquaculture policy, production methods, species
• Key legislation and guidance
• Multiannual plans and summaries
• Good practices

https://ec.europa.eu/fisheries/cfp/aquaculture_en
Thank you for your attention!

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