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Making EU aquaculture more sustainable and competitive



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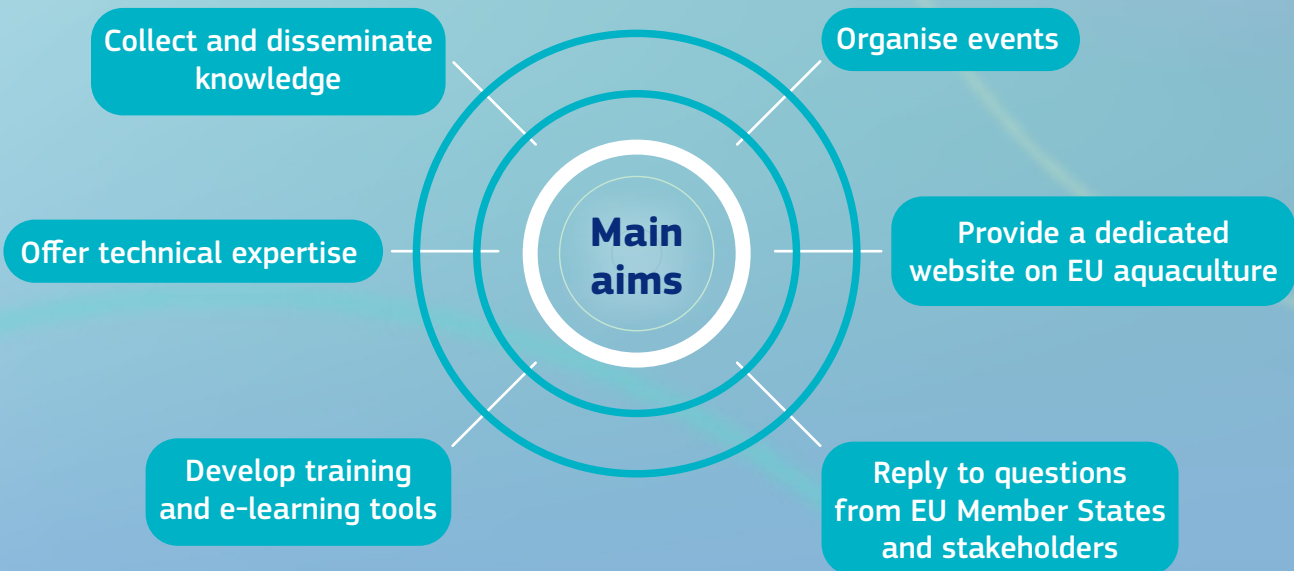
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# AAM at a glance

A service for sharing knowledge, opportunities, and experiences related to EU aquaculture.



## Why do we need the AAM?

Aquaculture is one of the fastest-growing food-producing sectors worldwide. For the EU, the huge potential of aquaculture production in terms of the supply of sustainable and nutritious food and social and economic development remains untapped. There exists a unique opportunity to expand aquaculture production in the EU. Around 70 % of the aquatic food (fisheries and aquaculture products) consumed in the EU are imported.

**Sustainable aquaculture development will allow the EU to increase its own supply of aquatic food products, making it more competitive and less reliant on imports from non-EU countries.** The **'strategic guidelines for a more sustainable and competitive EU aquaculture for**

**the period 2021-2030'** provide a **vision and concrete recommendations for actions** to make this happen. One important aspect of implementing this vision is to increase knowledge on issues relevant for sustainable aquaculture development among EU Member States, aquaculture producers and other stakeholders.

**To ensure successful implementation of the strategic guidelines, the AAM provides technical, logistical and administrative support to the European Commission.** In addition, the AAM is responsible for the **EU Aquaculture website** that aims to be a one-stop stop for disseminating and exchanging relevant knowledge among EU institutions, EU Member States, the aquaculture industry and other stakeholders.



## How can I benefit from the AAM?



### Explore

the user-friendly website and access a wide variety of information on the sustainable development of aquaculture in the EU.



### Become a member

of the 'registered users' community and take advantage of the many networking opportunities.



### Contribute

and help to expand and update the website.



### Subscribe

to the bi-monthly newsletter.

## EU aquaculture in numbers

**1 in 4**

seafood products consumed comes from aquaculture

**21%**

of fish and shellfish produced in Europe comes from aquaculture

**67%**

of aquaculture production is concentrated in Spain, France, Greece and Italy

**€3.9**

billion  
in turnover

**1.2**

million tonnes  
in sales volume

**57 000**

people directly employed

**14 200**

enterprises, mainly small businesses (under 10 employees)

#### Sources:

Scientific, Technical and Economic Committee for Fisheries (STECF) The EU Aquaculture Sector – Economic report 2022  
The EU Fish Market - 2022 Edition

# What kind of technical expertise does the AAM provide?

The AAM assists the Commission in developing a broad range of documents.

## Guidance documents:

- ⊙ Regulatory and administrative procedures
- ⊙ Access to space for marine aquaculture
- ⊙ Environmental performance
- ⊙ Climate change adaptation

## Background documents:

- ⊙ EU funding opportunities available for aquaculture
- ⊙ Good husbandry practices
- ⊙ Access to space and water for inland aquaculture



All these documents will be available in the **knowledge base** of the EU Aquaculture website.

The AAM will also provide trainings on the guidance documents developed by the Commission.

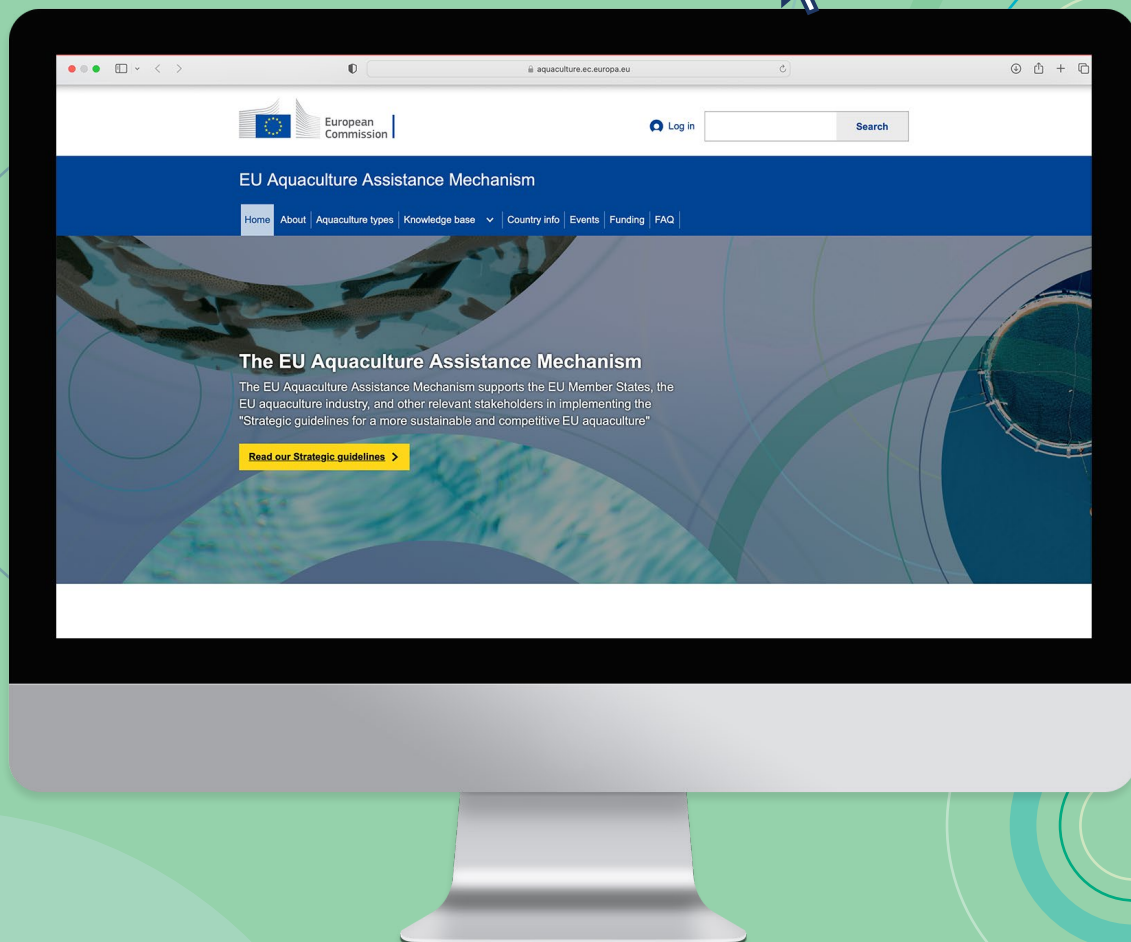


# An EU aquaculture website

## EU aquaculture at your fingertips!

- ▶ Browse all the latest information relevant to sustainable EU aquaculture on the website.
- ▶ Contribute to further develop and update the website.

[aquaculture.ec.europa.eu](http://aquaculture.ec.europa.eu)



## Use the website to:

- Learn more about the **different types of aquaculture**.
- Find relevant information from reliable and recognised sources in the **knowledge base**.
- Find an EU Member State on the **interactive map** to get **country information** quickly.
- Read the **latest news** and find out about **upcoming events**.
- Discover **useful links** to relevant Commission webpages, aquaculture-themed websites, and national/regional authorities responsible for aquaculture.
- Submit **questions** and get **timely answers** on EU aquaculture-related issues.
- Subscribe to the **bimonthly newsletter** to keep up to date with the latest developments in and information on EU aquaculture.

# What can I find in the knowledge base?



EU legislation and international instruments



National, EU, and international guidelines



Guidance and background documents related to the **Strategic guidelines on EU aquaculture**



National, EU, and international **good practices and experiences**



National, EU, and international **projects**



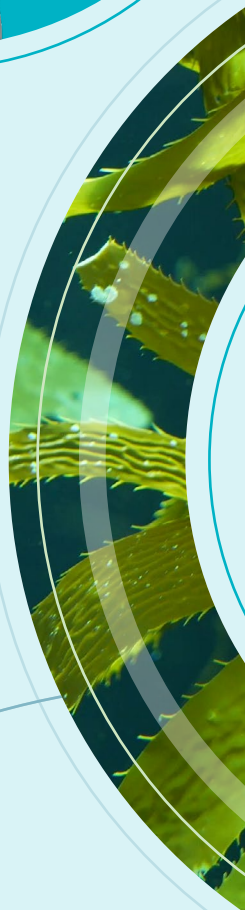
Technical and policy **reports**



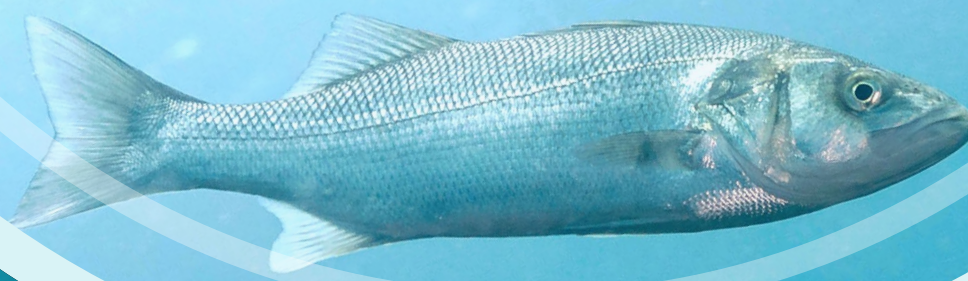
National, EU, and international **scientific papers & publications**



**Training, tutorials and e-learning modules**







In the **knowledge base**, you can search documents by:



**key words**



**geographical coverage**



**date**



or by the following **13 topics**:



Access to space and water



Communicating on EU aquaculture



Environmental performance



Animal health and public health



Control



Integration in local communities



Animal welfare



Data and monitoring



Knowledge and innovation



Climate change adaptation and mitigation



Diversification and adding value



Producer and market organisations



Regulatory and administrative framework

# What can I find under **Funding?**



An overview of the available **EU funding opportunities** to finance your aquaculture-related research or project.



A list of **calls for proposals and tenders** related to aquaculture launched by the European Commission.



# What can I find under **Country Information?**



A **clickable map** to access aquaculture-related information about each EU Member State.



**Background information** on aquaculture per country.



**National Strategic Plans on Aquaculture** and their summaries in English.



## Getting in touch with the EU

### In person

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- via the following form: [european-union.europa.eu/contact-eu/write-us\\_en](https://european-union.europa.eu/contact-eu/write-us_en).

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