



THE AQUAMED Platform



AQUAMED at a glance

- **Title:** AQUAMED, the future of research on aquaculture in the Mediterranean region
- **Programme:** FP7, Cooperation, Food, Agriculture and Fisheries, and Biotechnology (KBBE)
- **Instruments:** Coordination and Support Action (Coordination action)
- **EC contribution:** €995,854
- **Duration:** June 2010 – May 2013
- **Consortium:** 18 partners from 16 countries
- **Coordination:** IFREMER, on behalf of EFARO
- **Web:** www.aquamedproject.net

Partners



Expected Impact

- The **development of a sustainable aquaculture in the Mediterranean** region
- Enhanced **involvement of the EU aquaculture industry and RTD performers** in the development of a sustainable Mediterranean aquaculture
- Coordinated **development of the Mediterranean research and technology activities** funded by National and International agencies



Project Objectives

Objective 1:

To improve coordination of National and European aquaculture research activities in the Mediterranean, in order to avoid duplication and fragmentation of research efforts

- Identification of:
 - ✓ **Research structures** - programs and resources
 - ✓ Funded **research initiatives and projects**
 - ✓ Main **aquaculture stakeholders**
 - ✓ **Factors** affecting the development of sustainable aquaculture
- **Aggregation** of the **countries experiencing similar situations** (Typology analysis)
- Suggestions to **improve the existing research programmes and infrastructures** at the National and Mediterranean levels

Project Objectives

Objective 2:

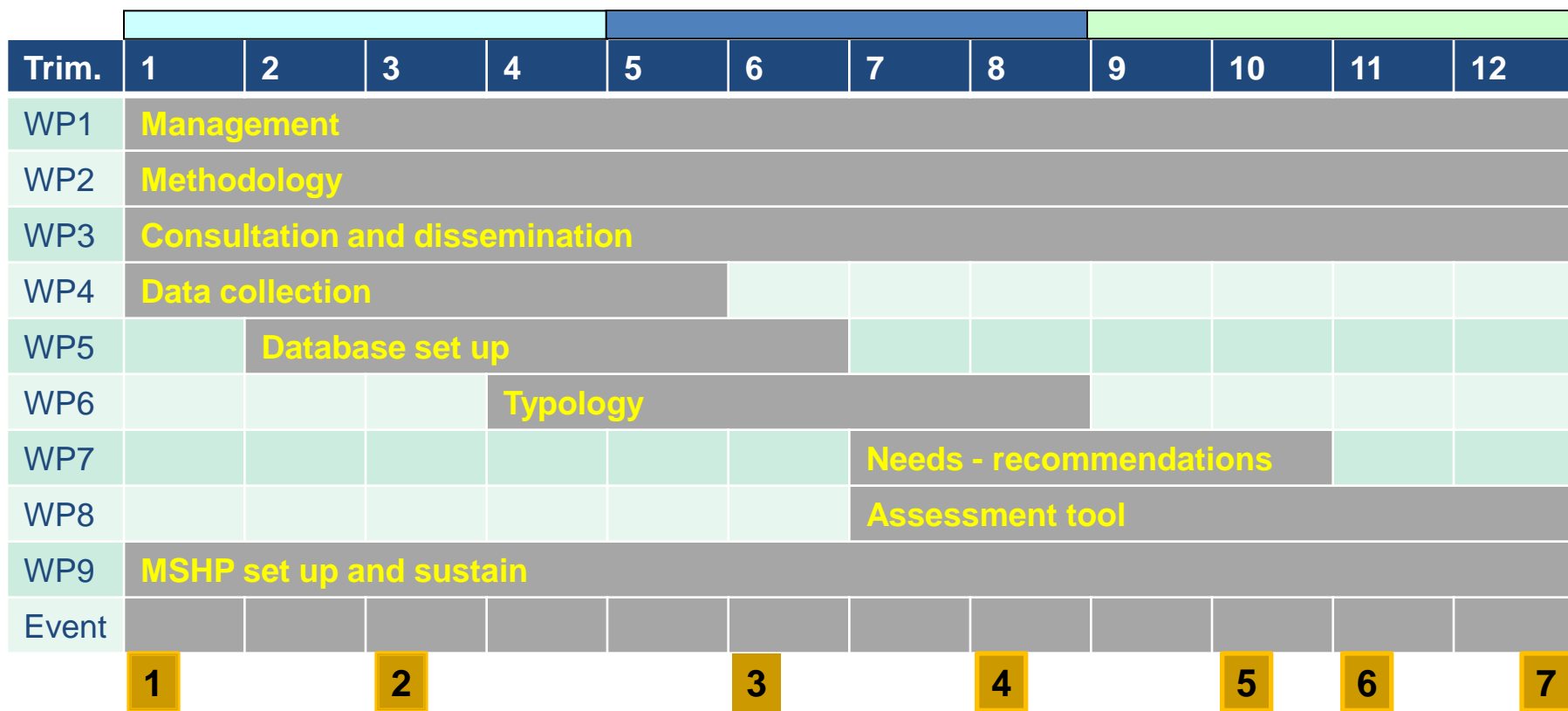
To identify future research needs and streamline programming, based on the principle of “*mutual benefit*”, in order to create the basis for the development of a sustainable Mediterranean aquaculture

Create a **Mediterranean multi-stakeholder platform** based on existing networks and involving research, industry and the main other actors including consumers, NGO’s, etc.

Ensure the **activity of the platform after the end of AQUAMED**

Assess the **sustainability of aquaculture research and development** using relevant indicators

Activities and events



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**Official start
 June 2010**

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**First MSHP meeting
 Nov. 2012
 Italy**

Results achieved: The database

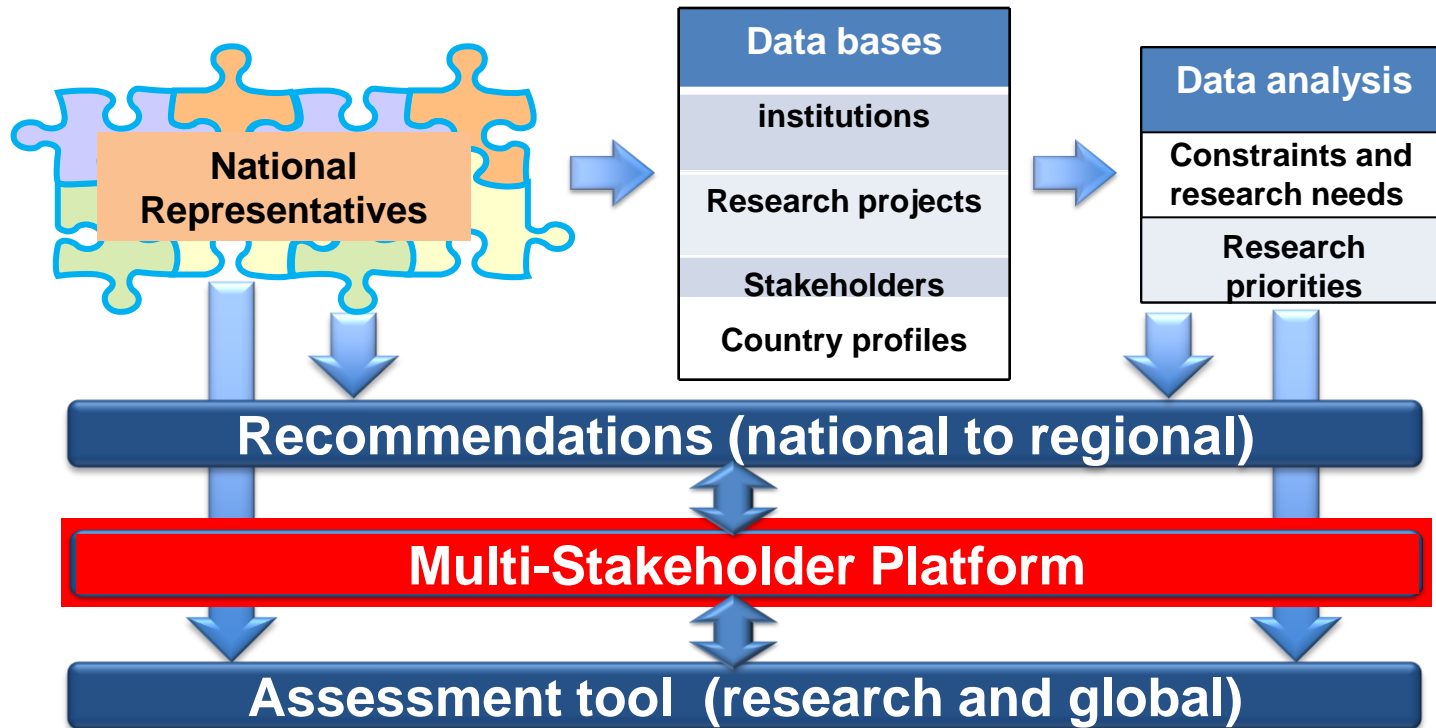
- **Production**
 - ✓ Size of the sector, species raised and targeted Market, production systems, innovations and constraints
- **Research**
 - ✓ Research projects and institutions
- **Institutional, socio-economic and environment**
 - ✓ Constraints, sustainable development strategies, government involvement
- **Sustainability indicators**

Challenge: long term storage, data updating and valorization
Complementarity and common valorization with SIPAM – CAQ – GFCM databases

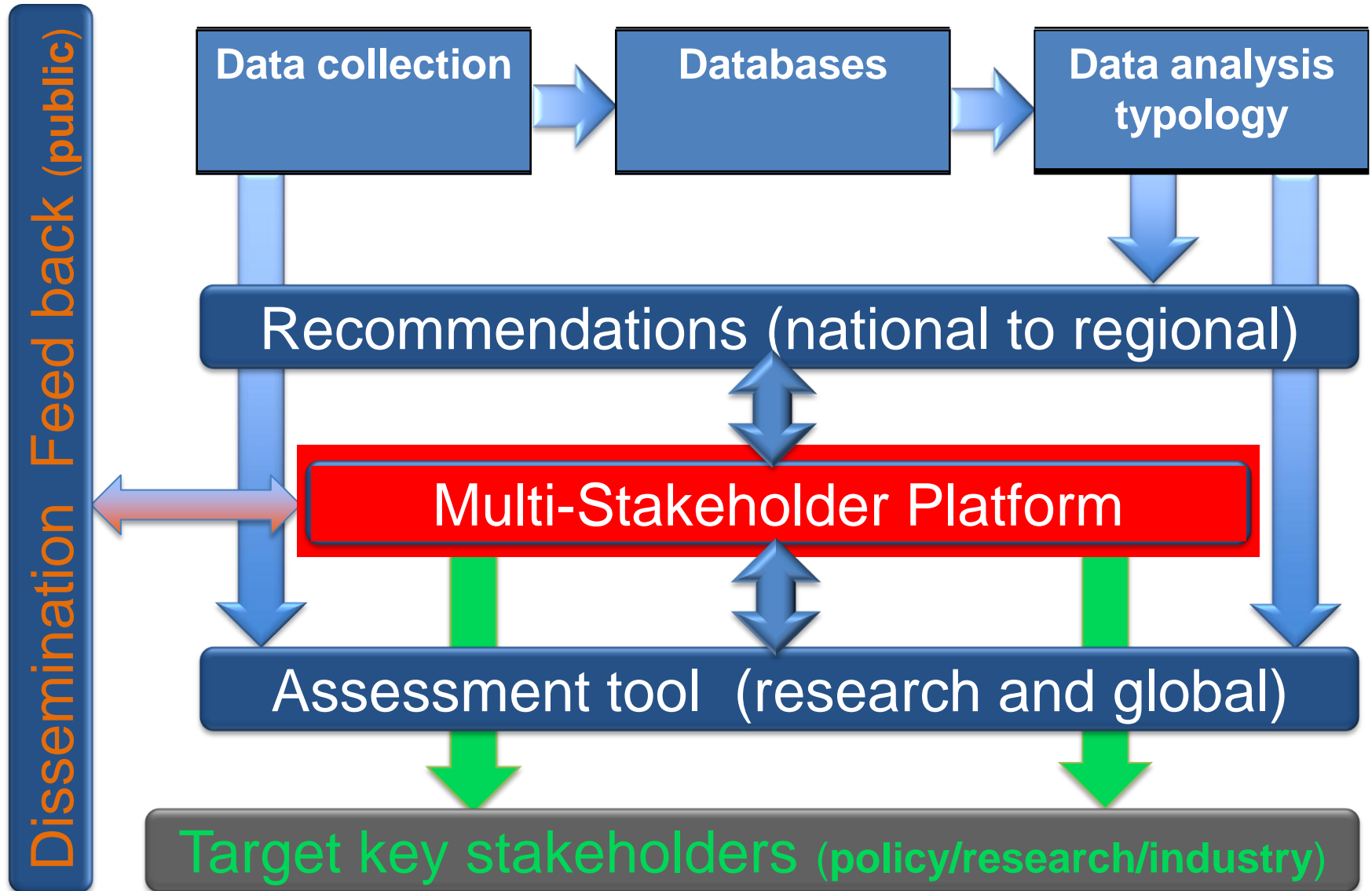
The Aquamed platform

Proposed Vision:

To develop a **common and cross border research strategy** to support a **sustainable development of aquaculture** adapted to the **Mediterranean specificities** by promoting shared objectives, synergies, and innovative research while diminishing possible discrepancies



The Aquamed platform operation



The first platform meeting

- Main database information
- Research priorities for the Med. Region
- What type of specific Med. platform
- Thematic areas identification and ranking

The next platform meeting

- Validation of the project results - recommendations
- Research priorities for the Med. Region
- Long term operation of the specific Med. platform