



Stakeholders will meet in Istanbul for the AQUAMED 2nd Open Multi-Stakeholder Meeting for Mediterranean Aquaculture

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The AQUAMED project has organised the second meeting of the AQUAMED Multi-Stakeholder Platform (MSHP) for Mediterranean Aquaculture (Southern Europe and North Africa), which will take place in Istanbul (Turkey) on the 20-21 May 2013.

AQUAMED, The Future of Research on Aquaculture in the Mediterranean Region, is an EU Seventh Framework Programme (FP7) project which aims to develop a cross-functional strategy for sustainable aquaculture research in the Mediterranean region. The platform is being created to ensure that future research and innovation needs necessary for a sustainable Mediterranean aquaculture industry are identified and prioritised by a multi-stakeholder group.

The **AQUAMED** 1st Open Multi-Stakeholder Meeting took place in Rome on the 20-21 November 2012. The aim of the meeting was to identify the research priorities in the Mediterranean aquaculture sector and to explore the potential benefits of setting up a Mediterranean Stakeholders Platform (MSHP). Around 60 stakeholders from the industry, government and research sectors from 13 Mediterranean countries participated in the meeting (Algeria, Croatia, Cyprus, Egypt, France, Greece, Israel, Italy, Lebanon, Morocco, Spain, Tunisia, Turkey). The summary and full report of this meeting is available [here](#).



The MSHP will contribute to the development of a common transnational Mediterranean Strategic Research and Innovation Agenda (SRIA), which represents the shared objectives and synergies between the different countries participating. Once a SRIA is developed, it is expected that the MSHP will become operational with a role to promote and facilitate the mobilisations of resources (financial, manpower, infrastructure) in order to implement the SRIA.

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AQUAMED is an EU Seventh Framework Programme (FP7) supporting the sustainable development of aquaculture in the Mediterranean region. Stakeholders from 13 Mediterranean countries were invited to join the project's researcher partners in order to develop a common Action Plan to support the establishment of a MSHP. The purpose of the MSHP will be to avoid duplication and fragmentation of research efforts, and to stimulate long-term cooperation and coordination between policy makers, the aquaculture industry and RTD performers in the Mediterranean.

IFREMER is the project coordinator of this project on behalf of **EFARO**. The **AQUAMED** project has received funding from the European Union Seventh Framework Programme (FP7/2007-2013) under grant agreement n° 244999.

IFREMER is a public institute that has developed extensive scientific expertise in: monitoring; use and promotion of coastal seas; monitoring and optimising aquaculture products; promoting scientific advice on fisheries resources for sustainable fishing; exploring the seafloor and ocean biodiversity; forecasting ocean circulation; and marine ecosystems evolution. IFREMER also manages vessels and underwater vehicles for the French scientific community. For over 30 years, it has been involved in research in aquaculture and in the study of marine biology and aquatic ecosystems.

EFARO - The European Fisheries and Aquaculture Research Organisation is a non-profit organisation, created in 1989 in order to achieve greater cohesion and coordination of fisheries and aquaculture research. EFARO's main focus is the delivery of new applied knowledge in the field of scientific support for policies in the European Community and associated States.

Detailed partner profiles are available on request.