



The AQUAMED project follow-up and platform continuation

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- **Defining its involvement into a new project in the Med-Spring initiative (synergy with FORCE)**
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Becoming a CAQ – GFCM platform

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- **CAQ is an observer in the AQUAMED project,**
- **Presentation of AQUAMED to the CAQ – GFCM in Rome (2011) and Paris (2013),**
- **Resolution at the CAQ, then at the GFCM levels.**

EU general context

Horizon 2020 still under discussion, key topics currently being identified (nothing clear before end of the year).

Reduction of the staff in the commissions (by 5 to 10%),

- Will rely more on platforms, networks and expert groups,
- There will be fewer and bigger projects (big consortiums).

The role of the platforms in the new initiatives will be clarified, but some of the main EU expectations for the platforms are:

- better link between research and industry,
- foster innovation and adoption of innovations,
- promote knowledge management,
- look for stronger involvement of possible financing entities,
- promote research with immediate return to the industry.

Becoming a Med. platform of EATiP

Discussions with C Hough

The 2 platforms will have to adjust / be involved in each other, according to the recommendations of Horizon 2020,

Aquamed may become a legal entity through the membership of its participants to EATiP,

How to involve members from countries not included into the « European Research Area» has to be clarified.

Next steps:

- General assembly of EATiP in september. Official demand from Aquamed to become the regional Mediterranean platform of EATiP.
- Publication of Horizon 2020 by end of 2013 or more probably beginning of 2014.

Connecting with the ongoing ERANET and '185' initiatives (Discussions with EFARO)

ERA-NET MED [ERAMED](#) proposal includes 15 countries (8 EU). It was submitted on December 2012 and is coordinated by CIHEAM.

The steering committee is:

- chaired by Italy (Ministry of Education, Universities and Research)
- composed by the ministeries of research of the partner countries (political level) and will be in charge of the coordination with the 'Art. 185' initiatives, and with the other ERANETs and international initiatives.

The results of the evaluation will be known by April 2013.

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'ARTICLE 185'

Italy is leading this initiative, official start by the second half of 2014 (Italian presidency of the EU council).

The core group will include EU and Mediterranean countries Egypt, Palestine, Liban, Morocco already decided to join and Egypt could coordinate the activity of the non-EU Mediterranean countries.

Italy is meant to prepare a position paper on

- financing and governance of the 'article 185' initiative,
- the links with ERA-Nets (INCO-NET, MED-SPRING, ARIM-NET 1 & 2, Seasera Med ...) for identification of the main themes of 'article 185' (research, innovation, training...)

Mirror groups in some countries.

New project / Med-Spring initiative

Discussion with T. Matraia (FORCE p.o.)

Med-Spring is an EU initiative to better link EU with Mediterranean countries (it is still an empty frame under construction).

The AQUAMED and FORCE projects offer a wide spectrum of Mediterranean and EU partners in the fields of fisheries and aquaculture, to better link research-innovation-markets and technology

FORCE bringing the assets of AQUAMED into Med-Spring would:

- reinforce the regional impact FORCE
- Contribute to better valorise the trust built among the network of stakeholders by the AQUAMED platform,
- contribute to Med-Spring fulfilling its main goals (facilitation of a regional dialogue to provide societal benefits in the region, boost of potential investments to create jobs and facilitation of business opportunities among different projects in different countries).

North African initiatives

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- Possible continuation of the AQUAMED platform operation through projects funded by South and or East Mediterranean countries?

Thanks for your attention

Questions and suggestions?