



# Potential contribution of AQUAMED and FORCE to future EU initiatives

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# What do the 2 projects offer

**The 2 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**

- Databases that will be completed and may be used to disseminate useful information for researchers, policy makers, entrepreneurs...**
- An operational multi-stakeholder platform with a large diversity of stakeholders and a wide expertise**
- Knowledge management methodology and recommendations to Improve the efficiency of the research activity in the Mediterranean**
- Operational tools to assess environmental impact / sustainability in the sectors of fisheries and aquaculture.**

# Potential evolution of the projects

**The AQUAMED platform will be adopted by the committee of aquaculture (CAQ) of the General Fishery Commission in the Mediterranean (GFCM)**

**The platform will be completed with non Aquamed partner countries from the all Mediterranean region (Med. and Black Sea) and the 'reshaped' platform will constitute a very powerful and relevant tool to contribute to the development of a sustainable regional aquaculture**

**FORCE was born with a bilateral dimension (Egypt and Italy)**

**Its cooperation with AQUAMED offers FORCE to effectively benefit of regional network and platform for future initiatives.**

# Potential contribution to future EU initiatives

**In conclusion Force bringing the assets of AQUAMED (which is finishing soon as project) into the MEDSPRING Regional umbrella would:**

- 1) Expand the regional impact of FORCE and its network,**
- 2) Contribute to better valorise the trust built among the network of researchers, investors and policy makers by the AQUAMED platform,**
- 3) Contribute to Med-Spring fulfilling its goals in facilitating the regional dialogue for coordination and exchanges between the EU and Mediterranean countries, in order to provide societal benefits in the region (boost of potential investments to create jobs and facilitate business opportunities).**

# EU general context

Horizon 2020 still under discussion, key topics currently under identification.

Reduction of the number of employees 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.

# Thanks for your attention