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The future of research on aquaculture in the Mediterranean region

Work package 4. Mapping

Objectives:

The objectives of WP4 are to make an inventory of all existing research teams, tools, projects, networks and to carry out a first analysis of the lacks and overlapping at the country level.

Approach:

This work will be carried out by each key partner at the national level with the methodological support of the WP2 leader and the MSG, who will provide the templates for collection of information. It will consist of the inventory and description of the main stakeholders and of all existing research infrastructures, networks, capacity building opportunities, research strategies, funds and criteria related to aquaculture (i.e. from biology to marketing) and sustainability at the national level.

It will identify the connections between the consortium and other national and international structures and provide a precise description of how they are organised and used in order to describe how the stakeholders already interact. For that purpose and on the basis of international publications on aquaculture and the documents realized by the FAO (Regional review on aquaculture development) for North Africa, Central- Eastern and Western European region, a general questionnaire will be subjected to all the relevant stakeholders. This questionnaire will approach two levels of analysis.





The first will concern the analysis of the state of aquaculture at the national level in connection with the adopted governmental strategy. For every country, the state of the research in aquaculture (research structures, expertises, projects, budgets, etc.) will be examined according to the volume and value global of national aquaculture production. The second level of analysis will concern the Mediterranean region in connection with the development of world aquaculture. The planned approach will consist in realizing:

- 1) A bibliographical review (2 months);
- 2) A constitution of the focal points in every country (1 month);
- 3) A definition of the questionnaire and its validation (1 month);
- 4) An analysis of questionnaire's results made by the WP leader with the help of WP2 and the Scientific coordinator. It will be submitted to the SSC. This work package delivers its outputs all along the duration of the project, from months 1 to 36. It will define the best organisation tools and implementation process for an optimal delivery from the project events, which are key moments to stimulate and organise internal communication and validate the results of the WPs. In coordination with WP1, it will organise the external communication of the project and secure an efficient feedback from the main stakeholders. It will be the tool for targeting and reaching all the potential stakeholders, including those that are not in the first circle of awareness. All the project partners will be funded one man-month for the preparation and implementation of the key Events.

Expected impact:

This mapping of key stakeholders, areas and expertise, existing research means and projects and networks and the way they interact at the national level constitutes the primary foundation of the project. It will be organised in a database designed in WP3 and maintained in WP5 and will allow identification of similarities and groups of countries with similar situations (WP6).

