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e-FishNet PROJECT STARTS IN LISBON

- **E-FishNet is focused in improving fishmonger's training throughout Europe and creating a collaborative network.**
- **Turkey, Iceland, United Kingdom, Portugal and Spain are taking part in this project through several Organizations. European Aquaculture Technology and Innovation Platform (EATIP) is also taking part in this project.**
- **Some of the results expected for this project are a state of art in relation to the current situation in fishmonger's training, a Marco Curriculum, and an e-learning platform with e-learning contents.**

On November 17th and 18th of 2016, in Lisbon, the first meeting of the e-FishNet Project took place. This project is part of the Erasmus + Program and is co-funded by the European Union. It's focused mainly on analyzing the current situation related to fishmonger's training in the countries taking part in the Project. A study will be carried out in order to spot weak and strong points in different training models.

To achieve this, an e-learning platform will be created. This platform is best suited to the long working days of the employees working in this sector. It also makes the training offered more flexible and accurate to their specific needs.

With these goals in mind the first meeting of e-FishNet Project was attended by representatives of every member of the Consortium, which is composed of 9 organisations in total. In this consortium there are organizations from five different countries, including ANCIPA representing the Portuguese Traders and Food Industries.

This Project has Icelandic representation from Matís, a consultancy firm with great expertise in innovation, R&D and training. From Turkey, Ankara University and from Belgium the European Aquaculture Technology and Innovation Platform (EATIP). England is represented by Billingsgate Seafood School, located in Billingsgate Market, in London.

Representing Spain, we have the collaboration of ARIEMA, a consultancy firm focused on R&D and training and Mercamadrid, the Madrid Employment Agency. FEDEPESCA is the Coordinator of the Project and represents the Fish and Seafood Retail Sector in Spain.

These Organizations were brought together in Lisbon and ANCIPA was the host organisation.

During this meeting we were able to learn more about every organisation participating in the project. The goals and different phases of the project were explained. The project will end in September of 2018.



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Thursday 17th November

Every member had the opportunity to make a short presentation about their organization.

FEDEPESCA gave a general overview about the project, after which several issues were addressed in detail, such as the general schedule or the intellectual outputs that will be the result of this project. These are as follows:

- The first Intellectual Output will be focused on the state of the art research into Fishmonger's training schemes in the countries taking part in the project. The research will cover both fishmongers already working and those looking to enter the industry. A Marco Curriculum will be implemented in an effort to detail the current state of training for fishmongers. Some tools that will be used in this process will be interviews and surveys.



Representatives from FEDEPESCA and ANCIPA during the meeting

- The second Intellectual Output is to provide a clear picture of current e-learning methods for fishmongers in the countries taking part in the project. The opinion of the final consumer is important to this process and should be included in improved training models to enable fishmongers to respond to new customer and market needs. When this research is finished the Consortium will propose the "Ideal Training Model" for this sector.

During this first day ARIEMA also made a brief presentation about the e-fishNet webpage that is currently under construction. This webpage will include a great deal of related content, including news, presentations, and the above proposed Intellectual Outputs.

The second year of this project will see the Consortium focus on the design and content of the e-platform. During this secondary phase the organizations with greater experience in R&D will be more involved.



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Friday 18th of November

On the second day of the summit mainly economic issues were addressed.

FEDEPESCA made a presentation with all relevant data and figures in an interactive format, so every participant was able to make their contributions or ask questions. After this a workshop was carried out in which all organisations participated. This allowed for the first insight into the situation in every member country. Organisations with R&D knowledge shared their experiences with the e-learning format and the results they have obtained.

Other general goals of this project are the creation of an Experts Panel, which should include organisations coming from different countries taking part in the e-FishNet Consortium. This will increase the scope and the diffusion of this Project. An additional aim is to create an international collaborative network in fishmonger's training. Currently there is no network with these features.

During this meeting the Steering Committee was appointed and also the Technical Management Group, which is composed of the organisations coordinating different activities within this project.

This was an interesting and profitable meeting which laid the foundations for the project to go forward. In addition, all the partners' organisations showed great interest and commitment to the project. This encourages us to foresee a great future for e-FishNet. After this meeting all partners committed to keep working on the project until the next meeting which is expected to be held in Iceland during the summer of 2017.





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First Meeting Participants

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e- FishNet is a project included in the Erasmus + Program and co-funded by the European Union. This Project started in September 2016 and will finish in September 2018, with a total period of 24 months. The consortium is composed by 9 Organizations from Iceland, Turkey, United Kingdom, Portugal and Spain and also we count with one organisation with European scope. FEDEPESCA is the coordinator of this project, which aims to analyze different training schemes in fishmonger's training in the member countries, create an international collaborative network and also develop an e-learning platform with e-learning content.