

How does EATIP operate?

EATIP is structured with 8 Thematic Areas (TAs) of interest, each of which contributes to the following tasks:

- *Identify and define priorities for research and development in the aquaculture value-chain*
- *Play a key role in ensuring an adequate focus of funding on areas of RTDi that have high relevance for the professional sector*

Each Thematic Area is composed by senior representatives of EATIP Member organisations and coordinated by experienced professionals and researchers, qualified in the topics and subjects covered by the individual Thematic Area. The Chairpersons and Facilitators of each Thematic Area form the Operating Council which is charged with integrating outlines, plans and proposals into the overall EATIP Vision document and the accompanying SRIA and Action Plan.

These activities are currently assisted by the Aquainnova project, which promotes governance and multistakeholder participation in aquaculture research and innovation, and is coordinated by the EATIP. Aquainnova is supported by the EU 7th framework programme – Grant Agreement n° 245238.

What are the challenges addressed by the Thematic Areas?

1. *Product Quality, Consumer Safety & Health*
2. *Technology & Systems*
3. *Managing the Biological Lifecycle*
4. *Sustainable Feed Production*
5. *Integration with the Environment*
6. *Knowledge Management*
7. *Aquatic Animal Health and Welfare*
8. *Socio-economics & Management*

Who are the members?

EATIP is composed of associations and federations, companies, public authorities, RTD institutes or universities and financial institutions, of European or international origin, that have a declared and professional interest in the sustainable development of European aquaculture.

Members of the EATIP

- *Commercial Companies*
- *Research Community*
- *Representative Organisations*
- *International Organisations*
- *Civil Society*

For a complete list of members please visit the website www.eatip.eu

EATIP and its members are committed to openness and transparency within this innovative multi-stakeholder initiative and recognise that EATIP will develop and adapt with the accomplishment of its tasks and objectives. EATIP provides a unique opportunity for all who are involved in European aquaculture to help shape its future, through a participative consensual approach and dialogue with the different players within the sector.



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The Challenge

European aquaculture production represents an extraordinarily diverse sector that links to an important and diversified range of upstream and downstream activities. Together, the players concerned cover the entire supply and management systems that provide the European consumer with nutritious high quality fish and shellfish products - a genuine value-chain.

In the 21st century, the aquaculture value-chain is committed to assuring its sustainability and recognises that achieving this requires:

- *Attaining economic profitability through competitiveness*
- *Providing the highest levels of product quality and new products that the consumer appreciates*
- *Offering the best nutrition and health for the livestock*
- *Ensuring the response to and control required on environmental issues*
- *Improving approaches to engineering and equipment needs*
- *Guaranteeing effective technology transfer and lifelong learning for those working in the sector*

These goals cannot be achieved alone and it was recognised that each of the different components of European aquaculture, producers and suppliers alike, needed to join forces with the research and development sector so as to achieve the objectives outlined. This has been done by creating the European Aquaculture Technology and Innovation Platform (EATIP).

Within the EATIP all relevant stakeholders come together to address the challenges that lie ahead through a concerted and dedicated approach.

What is EATIP?

EATIP is an international non-profit association dedicated to developing, supporting and promoting aquaculture in Europe, aiming to:

- *Establish a strong relationship between aquaculture and the consumer*
- *Assure the sustainability of the sector*
- *Consolidate the role of aquaculture in society*

The need to develop this multi-stakeholder platform for European aquaculture was identified by key industrial and RTDi players in 2006. In taking the concept forward, several important stakeholder meetings were organised in 2007 for consultation and debate. On the basis of a draft Vision document and broad discussions on requirements, the stakeholders appointed a Board to identify and recommend an operating structure to achieve the goals identified. In early 2009, the Board presented its recommendations for structure and operation, within the structure of a non-profit association.

EATIP has been designed to incorporate all members of the European aquaculture value chain within this association. Its structure assures balanced representation and equilibrium in its approach and activities while its operation is assured by a Board of Directors, which is elected by the Assembly of member organisations, and a Secretariat.

Key Goals

- *To identify and implement actions that will improve the competitiveness of professional European aquaculture and related industries, specifically through the application of knowledge-based activities.*
- *To study, develop, promote and defend the collective opinions of the research and innovation requirements and challenges identified by its members, without involving itself in their professional activities; more specifically, to establish a Strategic Research and Innovation Agenda (SRIA) for European aquaculture for the coming decades, accompanied by an approved Action Plan.*
- *To communicate these collective opinions to the appropriate authorities, entities and interests in Europe and be recognised as an approved European Technology Platform by the European Commission.*
- *To develop measures and structures that will improve the research, development and innovation framework conditions to support the sustainable development of European aquaculture.*
- *To assist its members in the organisation of their activities, notably by establishing the conditions for common study and providing associate administrative and support services.*

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