



# Newsletter

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The official newsletter of the European Aquaculture Technology and Innovation Platform

The summer is disappearing fast and it seems to be an appropriate time to give you some updates on the European Aquaculture Technology and Innovation Platform's work progress following the Stakeholders' Meeting and Annual General Meeting held in Brussels in June. The autumn months are already looking to be busy and interesting for EATIP and its Members, since there are several important international meetings coming up as well as the work envisaged on the European projects 'Aquainnova', 'BECOTEPS', 'ASEM Aquaculture' and 'Marcom+'.

## 'Aquainnova'

Progressing the work of 'Aquainnova', which is coordinated by the EATIP and supported by the European Union Seventh Framework Programme (FP7), has been a focal point during the summer where significant advances have been made on developing the RTDi project summaries of FP7 and developing the common templates needed for the work of the EATIP Thematic Areas in preparing their Vision documents and Strategic Research & Innovation Agendas.

In September, the first meeting of the Knowledge Management Group (TA6) was held in Brussels, while the Thematic Area on Product Quality, Consumer Health and Safety TA 1 has met recently in Lisbon. This means that most of the EATIP Thematic Areas have been able to meet and significantly progress their contributions since the start of this project. EATIP's Thematic Area on the Biological Lifecycle is to organise a special meeting at the Aquaculture Europe 2010 conference.

The draft documents of the Thematic Areas will be available for consultation on the EATIP website at the beginning of November 2010.

Improved dissemination of RTDi project results is an important part of Aquainnova and new Technical leaflets are under development, following contact with project coordinators. New summaries of FP7 aquaculture projects are being drafted and grouped synopses on current and previous European project work are being prepared, covering the interests of each EATIP Thematic Area. Once completed, these will be made available on the EATIP Website.

The organisation of 4 Regional Stakeholder Workshops has started. The purpose of these workshops is for multi-stakeholder consultation on the draft Vision Documents and Strategic Research Agendas, prepared by the EATIP Thematic Areas. The workshops will cover:

- Coldwater aquaculture
- Inland freshwater aquaculture
- Mediterranean & southern aquaculture
- Shellfish aquaculture

The draft agendas and locations/dates of these meetings will be circulated before the end of the year.

## 'BECOTEPS'

The Becoteps project aims to contribute to the creation of a strong KBBE (Knowledge-Based Bio-Economy) in Europe. The main objectives are

1. Achieve closer and more coordinated collaboration between the KBBE ETPs.
2. Develop recommendations for better interaction between the KBBE ETP stakeholders
3. Encourage discussions between European and national, public and private, research and innovation initiatives

The Becoteps consortium is producing a Draft White Paper on the potential contribution of the different sectors of the KBBE, including aquaculture, in addressing societal challenges by 2030. This document will soon be open for consultation.

## 'Asem Aquaculture 2009'

This project is looking to establish measures on aquaculture cooperation for mutual benefit between Asia and Europe. EATIP is charged with coordinating a specific workpackage on international industrial cooperation and networking. An initial project meeting has been held on this topic which is looking to create a small team of experts within EATIP to be able to take this aspect forward.

## MARCOM+

MARCOM+ project addresses the objectives of the Aberdeen Declaration to support the marine and maritime science communities and to further the establishment of a European marine science partnership that would contribute to developing interactions between partners (Member States, regional authorities, the research community, industry and other stakeholders). This project has a very wide scope since it covers the marine and maritime research sectors on transport and maritime industries, tourism, coastal development, security, living resources, fisheries and aquaculture. EATIP is participating in a workpackage on the aspects of Technology Transfer, bringing in the expertise of its Knowledge Management Thematic Area for this purpose.

An open forum on Marcom+ is to be held in Brussels on 25th November 2010 and the draft programme and details are available at the Marcom+ website.

## FAO Global Conference on Aquaculture 2010

The FAO Global Conference on Aquaculture 2010 'Farming the Waters for Food and People' was held recently in Phuket (Thailand). The EATIP concept and progress was presented during a special side event, organised by the European Commission, alongside other notable European projects that focus on development and networking - notably ASEM Aquaculture and SARNISSA.

The objective of this Side Event was to inform the aquaculture research community and other stakeholders attending the Global Aquaculture Conference about the EU initiatives for funding research in aquaculture, in particular the opportunities for EU and non-EU participants provided within its 7th Framework Programme for Research Technological Development (FP7).

Conference presentations and documents should be available within the coming months

## Aquaculture Europe 2010

The 2010 edition will be held in Porto from October 5th to 8th and will put the focus on the future of marine aquaculture in Europe. The conference will address many topics related to inland, coastal and ocean aquaculture, but it will also cover the production of freshwater species. Parallel conference sessions include land-based systems, estuarine, coastal lagoon, coastal and offshore aquaculture and encompass many species from shellfish to fish to marine plants. AE2010 will also consider the specific issues related to production on Mediterranean islands and in Europe's Outermost Regions.

AE2010 in Porto is also the opportunity for some of the qualified and experience professionals and researchers of the Thematic Areas to meet and make progress on their Research Strategic and Innovation Agendas, aiming at prioritising key issues that need investment in RTDi for the benefit of the profession. The methodology used to reach these objectives is that developed in the Aquainnova project.

EATIP is taking this opportunity to present and promote its scope and activities, making a presentation at the EU Forum on Aquainnova.

**For more information please visit our stand at the international trade exhibition - Stand nr 12 Venue: Centro de Congressos da Alfandega.** Full programme is available on the EAS website.

## Upcoming events

- The EATIP will also be promoting its interests at the Eurocean 2010 Conference – 'Grand challenges for Marine Research in the next decade' – that is to be held in Ostend (12-13 October 2010) and is a Belgian EU Presidency event. The EATIP stand will present the different actions of EATIP for the wide-ranging participants of the conference.
- Several EATIP Member Organisations will be participating in "How can aquaculture contribute positively to food security in Europe?" (Brussels 9-10 November 2010), that is being organised by the European Bureau for Conservation and Development (EBCD) on behalf of the European Parliament's Intergroup on Climate Change, Biodiversity and Sustainable Development. Financial support for the conference has been provided by the Spanish Minister for the Environment, Rural and Marine Areas.
- The EATIP Board of Directors will meet towards the end of the year so as to review the progress made during 2010 and to set the dates and location for the next Stakeholders' Meeting. Please note that all of the reports of the previous meetings and information concerning the EATIP is available within the Library section of the EATIP website.

## EATIP Presentation

In line with the rising presence of EATIP in different European and international fora and actions, different presentation documents - including the new EATIP logo – have been developed during the summer months. The progress of the Thematic Areas on their Vision Documents and Strategic Research Agendas, combined with the needs for consultation, will be reported on the EATIP website, which is also undergoing review. It is anticipated that the new website will be published in November 2010.