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# EATiP MIRROR PLATFORMS

## TERMS OF REFERENCE

### PURPOSE

EATiP is an international non-profit association dedicated to DEVELOPING, SUPPORTING and PROMOTING aquaculture and, especially and specifically, technology and innovation in aquaculture in Europe so as to:

- Establish a strong relationship between aquaculture and the consumer
- Assure a sustainable aquaculture industry
- Consolidate the role of aquaculture in society

As a recognised European Technology Platform, the roles of EATiP are to develop a research strategy, to mobilise stakeholders and to disseminate results and opportunities for development. Achieving these tasks allows EATiP a privileged position in communicating its consensus opinions and positions on sustainable aquaculture development to policy-makers throughout Europe.

EATiP Mirror Platforms (MiPs) are seen as an essential and core component to the successful operations of EATiP, supporting the implementation of strategic research and innovation activities at a regional/national level towards achieving the EATiP 2030 vision for a thriving European aquaculture sector.

In particular, MiPs are seen as an important facilitator to gather knowledge on consensus opinions and priorities of the stakeholder communities in their region/country, helping to ensure that EATiP is advocating for priority regional/national needs at a European level.

It is also anticipated that the MiPs create an active network within EATiP where they can share regional innovation and good practice and work together on common challenges and barriers. The EATiP Secretariat will actively disseminate relevant European developments, opportunities and EATiP initiatives of relevance to MiPs.

The principal functions of the EATiP MiPs are therefore multi-stakeholder mobilisation, hereby assuring:

1. industry-focused strategic research and innovation agendas, roadmaps and implementation plans, which should reflect EATiP's positions, for application at National, regional or European levels.
2. Industry and research participation in the EU Framework Programmes for research and innovation, and cooperation with networks in other European States;
3. identification of needs and opportunities for international cooperation;
4. external advice for the programming and implementation of EU Framework Programmes

### ELIGIBILITY CRITERIA

A cluster or network can be accorded the status of an EATiP MiP if:

- It is a clearly structured cluster having a critical mass of stakeholders representing at least the following interest groups: companies active in the aquaculture value chain, R&D organisations and universities, with at least half of its committed members to be industry or service-providers in the field of aquaculture.
- It is a legal entity, or has formal commitment by its members: for example, through partnership agreements, membership fees, letters of intent.
- It has a clear geographic limitation, being either national or regional
- It has paid a membership fee to EATiP, according to the fee structure decided by the EATiP General Assembly.

## REPRESENTATION

The EATiP Board has agreed to create a specific MiP Working Group that consists of representatives with the authority to represent their MiP, that are compliant with the above criteria. The Chair of this Working Group sits on the Board of Directors (BoD) of EATiP.

## RESPONSIBILITIES

### RESPONSIBILITIES OF MiPs TOWARDS EATiP:

- To provide information and advice on a regular basis, or upon request from the EATiP BoD or Secretariat, on national or regional policies and programmes that are relevant to realising the EATiP goals and Plan of Action;
- To promote an enhanced co-operation and co-ordination among EU Member States and Associate Countries and Regions;
- To act as the body representing collectively and individually the interests and views of the EU Member States and Associate Countries and Regions that they represent;
- To act as the body, in the field of aquaculture, to allow discussion on integration and establishment of synergies between research and innovation policies at European, national and regional levels;
- To ensure proper dissemination of the EATiP positions and decisions at the national and regional levels;
- To provide responses to the recommendations given and actions taken by the EATiP Assembly and BoD.

### RESPONSIBILITIES OF EATiP TOWARDS MiPs:

- To provide administrative support to the EATiP MiP WG (helping the organisation of meetings, preparation of Minutes and assisting follow-up actions);
- To ensure good communication between MiPs and their representatives;
- To involve MiPs in processes that are relevant for aquaculture research and innovation on the regional, national and European levels;
- To bring forward recommendations made by the MiPs to the appropriate bodies and structures.

## WORKING METHODS

- The MiP WG elects a Chair and Vice-Chair among its members to preside its meetings.
- EATiP will provide a secretary for such meetings.
- Recommendations made by the MiP WG will be the result of a consensus.
- The MiP WG will meet at least once a year.
  - Meeting organisational costs – excluding travel and accommodation – will be supported by the EATiP budget
  - Additional meetings will be held if necessary, upon agreement by the EATiP President.
- Information will be shared through a dedicated Sharepoint provided by the EATiP Secretariat.
- The MiP WG will signal to the EATiP Board if confidentiality issues are raised by its actions and communications and provide details on these to the EATiP Secretariat.

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