

DAY 2 | Wednesday 29th April 2026

09:00 **EATiP GENERAL ASSEMBLY**

Closed, for EATiP Members Only 9:00 – 10:00

10:00

Theme 6:

EATiP Project Activity Review & Membership Feedback

- OLAMUR
The viability of Marine Multi Use
- OCCAM
How to ensure action and uptake in climate change research
- AQUAPHOENIX
Addressing barriers and ensuring uptake in circularity
Pamela Ernstberger, EATiP Projects Officer
- The European Aquaculture Assistance Mechanism
Ensuring engagement and maximising benefits from the EU Aquaculture Website
- Future projects and EATiP Advisory Board Overview
David Bassett, EATiP General Secretary

Coffee Break

11:15 - 12:45

Theme 7:

Training Workshop – Open and Responsible Research & Innovation (ORRI)

- Designing an ORRI tool for the Aquaculture Sector
Maria Eleonora Ferrorelli, Project Officer, Lomartov
David Bassett, EATiP General Secretary

Lunch

14:00 - 16:00

EATiP Mirror Platforms Meeting

Closed meeting – for EATiP Mirror Platform Members only, or for EATiP members by prior arrangement with the Secretariat & Mirror Platform Working Group Chair.

Dr Mieke Eggermont, University of Ghent



European Aquaculture Technology and Innovation Platform

Annual General Meeting & General Assembly

of the EATiP 2026

“Realising a vision for aquaculture through
Research & Innovation”

Tuesday 28th & Wednesday 29th April 2026

Norwegian House of Research & Innovation
Rue Guimard, 9 - 1000 Brussels | Belgium

DAY 1 | Tuesday 28th April 2026

10:00	<p>Words of Welcome:</p> <p><i>Lorenzo Gennari, EATiP President</i> <i>Gunvor Øie, Senior Business Developer, SINTEF</i> <i>Alexandra Neyts, Project Manager, Department of Marine Technology, NTNU</i></p>
10:10 - 10:30	<p>Theme 1: “Food for thought”: Food Security, Innovation & Circularity</p> <p>Opening Addresses:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Innovation in Food Security <i>Charitini Michaelidou, UN FAO Liaison Office with the European Union and Belgium</i> • CIRCFood - circular economy and industrial symbiosis within the bio economy, an aquaculture case-study <i>Gunvor Øie, Senior Business Developer, SINTEF</i>
10:30 - 11:00	<p>Theme 2: “Dream a Dream”: A vision for European Aquaculture in 2040</p> <p>Group Work Warm Up Exercise:</p> <p>Building upon the recent Call for Evidence for the Vision 2040 for Fisheries and Aquaculture, delegates are asked for their personal vision for aquaculture in Europe by 2040 – what is your dream, and what research and innovation provision will be required to deliver it.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Delegates will be divided into small groups and encouraged to share dreams and ideas. Preparatory slides / thoughts brought to the meeting will be incorporated to provide a group slide, with group thoughts shared in plenary to feed into the EATiP Vision for the revised Strategic Research and Innovation agenda • 2–3 sample pitch visions will be presented at the start to encourage ideas <p>Coffee Break</p>
11:15	<p>Theme 3: “Plan ahead”: Strategies and Policies underpinning the future of aquaculture research and innovation.</p> <p>“Introducing the EC strategies and initiatives in support of the future EU Vision for Fisheries & Aquaculture”</p> <p><i>Lorella de la Cruz Iglesias, Deputy Head of Unit- Blue Economy Sectors, Aquaculture and Maritime Spatial Planning – DG MARE</i> <i>Wiebke Pankauke, Deputy Head of Unit Oceans, Seas & Waters, EC DG Science & Innovation (DG RTD) – Unit B4</i> <i>Rosalinda Scalia, Deputy Head of Unit Bioeconomy and Food Systems at EC DG Science and Innovation (DG RTD) - Unit B2</i></p>

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Guests from the European Commission will introduce key EU Strategies including*:
The Ocean Eye, The Ocean Research and Innovation Strategy, EU Initiative for Sustainable Aquaculture & The Water Resilience Innovation Strategy, Food 2040 and the EU Life Sciences Strategy (*non exhaustive list)

Guided Consultation Exercise

Delegates will be invited to provide feedback to the European research and innovation strategies on a thematic basis, noting the cross-cutting issues across strategies.

Research and innovation priorities and barriers will be addressed concerning:

- Making Ocean Observation work for Aquaculture, including data management and application of data resources
- Infrastructure requirements for innovation uptake: skills, capacity, financial & physical
- What do we mean by Regenerative and Restorative Aquaculture and Regenerative & Restorative Blue Economy?
- What “Source to Sea” means for Aquaculture, including aspects of the Water Framework Directive and Marine Strategy Framework Directive
- Research and innovation beyond boundaries: considerations at the European, Member State or Regional level
- Addressing the Triple Planetary Crisis (Climate, Biodiversity, Pollution)
- Cross sectoral approaches: innovation transfer and the EIP-Agri Experience (The European Innovation Partnership for Agricultural Productivity and Sustainability; "interactive innovation," bringing together farmers, researchers, advisors, and businesses to develop practical & innovative solutions to challenges and specific problems.)
- Longer term actions: breeding, genetics and selection

Lunch (if necessary, discussions surrounding Theme 3 will continue after lunch)

15:00 **Theme 4: “No one is an island”: Aquaculture in the wider Blue Economy**

Post Lunch Wake Up: Aquaculture within the wider Blue Economy, perspectives from the Sustainable Blue Economy Partnership.

Foresight: EU blue bioeconomy Innovation Initiative

Frode Dal Fjeldavli, Special Advisor, Research Council of Norway, Head of Brussels office, Sustainable Blue Economy Partnership

DISCUSSION

Coffee Break

16:00 **Theme 5: “A room of one's own”: FP10 & the positioning of aquaculture.**

• FP10 Update: What we know... and what we don't...!”

- Retaining and Prioritising Bio-economy within Pillar II
- A Combined European Technology Platform Approach
David Bassett, EATiP General Secretary

- “Where do we belong?” Finding the right place for aquaculture in a streamlined research and innovation landscape.
Frode Dal FJELDAVLI, Special Advisor, Research Council of Norway, Head of Brussels office, Sustainable Blue Economy Partnership

DISCUSSION • Reactions from the floor. Suggestions for worthwhile lobby actions

17:15 **WRAP UP** • Concluding Remarks

17:30 - 18:30 **NETWORKING RECEPTION** (Offered by EATiP)

19:30 EATiP Board and Mirror Platform Representatives Dinner **(Closed, by Invitation Only)**