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TOWARDS SUSTAINABLE AQUACULTURE

Life AQUAPEF. Environmental Footprint in the aquaculture sector

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What is FEAP?

FEAP membership

- A European federation composed of national fish farming associations representing 24 national associations from 23 countries.
- European-wide, not only EU.
- Atlantic salmon, rainbow trout, seabass, seabream, turbot, sole, meagre, sturgeon/caviar, bluefin tuna, arctic char, carp... (and many more).



FEAP's interactions

FEAP works closely with the EC and the EP, EESC and CoR.

FEAP participates in the following EC Expert groups: EFSCM, AHAC, AGSFS, PAW, ...

FEAP participates in the following advisory councils: AAC & MAC.

FEAP relates with: FAO, IUCN, HELCOM, EATIP, EBCD

FEAP works in close collaboration with: FEFAC, FVE, ESSA, ...





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The FEAP objectives

- \rightarrow Promote sustainable aquaculture
- \rightarrow Improve the competitiveness of European aquaculture farmers.



FEAP core activities

Provide	Develop	Communicate	Disseminate
Provide a discussion forum for the European fish farmers.	Develop common opinions on issues of relevance (position papers, factsheets)	Communicate those opinions to the relevant bodies and pursue results.	Disseminate sound information on aquaculture.

Towards Sustainable Aquaculture?

As I said, FEAP aims to ...

- \rightarrow Promote sustainable aquaculture
- \rightarrow Improve the competitiveness of European aquaculture farmers.

Both are somehow linked but do not arrive in the same parcel.

Some contextual remarks:

- 1. Sustainability is not a terminal station.
- 2. Sustainability is a path on which you engage by acting in a responsible way.
- 3. The signposts along the path are changing all the time.
- 4. Good environmental performance is necessary (but not enough) to ensure that you stay on track on the Sustainability path.
- 5. The proof of carrying out your activity in a sustainable way is proving a sound past record.



Towards Sustainable Aquaculture?

- 1. Having tools to measure environmental footprint is an excellent head-start, especially for benchmarking within the industry.
- 2. But its usefulness beyond that will depend on how it relates (1) to consumers, (2) with imported aquatic products and (3) with other food products.
- 3. Need to integrate the PEF into a communication story for convincing society and consumers.
- 4. Need to reach out to the markets and make good results on PEF appreciated by consumers.



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Towards Sustainable Aquaculture?

In FEAP we also work to improve the way we work. For example through innovation:

FEAP participates in two H2020 projects:



Future growth in sustainable, resilient and climate friendly organic and conventional European aquaculture



Tools and Strategies for a Sustainable, Resilient and Innovative European Aquaculture





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Thank you. I hope you found this presentation interesting.

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