



# **ACTIONS AND ACHIEVEMENTS 2020**

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The members of EATiP are the core of the platform and the enablers of the actions undertaken. The EATiP community consists of:

- 13 commercial companies, incl producers, feed, technology and service suppliers
- 13 research institutions
- 10 universities
- 9 international organisations and associations, incl those representing the fish and shellfish farmers, the feed producers and the aquaculture research community
- 2 NGOs one of which is the International Union for Conservation of Nature
- 15 Mirror Platforms in 11 different European countries, representing more than 800 aquaculture entities across the value chain with a representation of 65% private companies

*Growing our membership and network is vital for our future.  
Do you know of other companies or institutions that would be interested to join?  
Please let us know at [secreteriat@eatip.eu](mailto:secreteriat@eatip.eu)*



A key role of EATiP is the active involvement in the shaping of R&I policies and strategies that have implications for the aquaculture sector.

Based on the consensus position as stated in the EATiP Vision and SRIA and its Position Paper, the platform provided recommendations in response to the following set of consultations:

- Farm to fork strategy and Horizon2020 call
- Ocean Mission proposal
- Horizon Europe Cluster 6 draft work programme
- Review of the Strategic Guidelines for the sustainable development of EU aquaculture
- <http://eatip.eu/wp-content/uploads/2020/12/EATiP-feedback-to-Blue-Economy-Partnership-SRIA-Draft.pdf>
- Baltic and North Sea SRIA
- Guidelines for a sustainable aquaculture of seaweeds

These official responses are in addition to the considerable amount of informal activity undertaken in our routine engagement and collaboration with the European Commission.





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The Green Deal sets out ambitious goals for Europe to becoming the world's first climate-neutral continent by 2050. It defines policies for a transition towards a more sustainable and socially just ways of producing, consuming and trading, while preserving and restoring our ecosystems. Aquaculture is key to achieve this transition in the food system and the blue economy. EATiP interacts with the European Commission, in particular DG MARE and DG RTD, to transfer the sector's opinion on current and emerging research and innovation needs. EATiP also engages with sister technology platforms, innovation communities and thematically related committees, that can support actions of common interests.

The event calendar was seriously disturbed by the COVID-19 related restrictions, and several conferences and workshops had to be canceled or postponed. Others were transferred to the virtual arena.

Together with Copernicus Marine Service, EMODnet, DG MARE and DG DEFIS, EATiP organized a MARINE DATA TO SUPPORT AQUACULTURE IN THE NORTH ATLANTIC regional workshop in October 2020. This event gathered invited coastal authorities, modelers, industry representatives to define how the sector can make better use of open source and company owned marine data and services. A final report summarizing the key considerations and major outcomes was published.

Our recently established EATiP Forum series provides an arena to highlight high-impact research results, operational improvements and innovative technologies that can contribute in achieving goals of growth and sustainable development. To date two virtual EATiP Forum events have been organised, one focused on aquafeed and the other on innovations to support fish welfare. Both showcased a set of novel technologies and new approaches, and provided an arena for interaction. The series continues in the New Year with a focus on seaweed farming – a key area of future expansion. Mirror Platforms play an important role as contributors and facilitators.

*Does your company wish to present a recent achievement at the EATiP Forum? Let us know!*



EATiP contributed to several projects as either a stakeholder representative or as contributor to support actions such as dissemination and knowledge transfer. In the Research Infrastructure project AQUAEXCEL<sup>2020</sup>, EATiP is promoting the potential uptake of promising project outcomes. The platform also represented the aquaculture sector in projects as AquaVitae, Blue-Cloud, SEAFOOD<sup>TOMORROW</sup>, AANCHOR, AORA and Life AQUAPEF, interacted with a number of other projects, and assisted in the SCAR-Fish meetings as observer.

## REGIONAL COLLABORATION



The EATiP Mirror Platform Working Group held regular virtual meetings throughout the year, aiming at the exchange of knowledge, best practice and information about issues of joint interest. The group developed the format of the EATiP Forum, applied for funding for support actions and mobilised its membership to become active contributors.

Chair of the MiP Working Group is Yolanda Molares (ACUIPLUS).

## INTERNATIONAL COLLABORATION



The EATiP International Cooperation Working Group is chaired by Prof. Em. Patrick Sorgeloos (UGent). The lessons learnt from the EU funded EURASTiP collaborative project provided the basis for a joint action aiming to structure aquaculture sector collaboration across the Atlantic. This new project, which will be partnering Europe with Brazil, South-Africa and other countries, is anticipated to run in '21 and '22. Continued interactions with FAO on aquaculture relevant issues guarantee the long-term involvement of EATiP in international food issues.



Anything you wish to inform us about, engage in, discuss?

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New members of the EATiP Board of Directors were elected at the virtual General Assembly in June 2020. Together, they support a strategic development of the platform and provide direction.



*Relevant events, news and important messages are distributed to the EATiP members through the Basecamp communication platform.*

*If you are the contact person in a large member organisation or company, please also remember to cascade news of our online events to your staff, colleagues, students.*

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