



Agenda

MiP Meeting

Meeting location:
Virtual

Date:
Thursday 9th March 2023
Time:
10:00 -11:30 CET

Attendants: Yolanda Molares (ACUIPLUS; MiP WG Chair), Laszlo Varadi & Zsuzsanna (HUNATiP), Linda Hald (NCE Aquatech), Garazi Rodriguez (PTEPA), Santiago Cabaleiro (CETGA), Kirsti Sømme & Trine Danielsen (Stiim), Stefan Teerlinck (Aquacultuur Vlaanderen), Andrea Forgione (Itaqua), Manon Deschrijver (Aquimer), David Bassett & Alexandra Neyts (EATiP)

Invited: Kathrine Angell-Hansen (Norwegian Research Council, Co-coordinator Blue Partnership)

Apologies from NCE Seafood Innovation, NCE Aquaculture, IATiP, BAMS, Aquacircle, HETEPA

Teams [LINK](#)

1. Welcome by the MiP WG Chair

Yolanda welcomed everyone, especially the new members / representatives: Trine Danielsen from Stiim, Andrea Forgione from Itaqua.

2. Updates from MiPs

No specific updates were reported.

3. Collaborative initiatives

David informed about the [Knowledge base | EU Aquaculture Assistance Mechanism \(europa.eu\)](#) (AAM) and its guidance documents that will help deliver the Strategic guidelines on aquaculture in the EU. The guidelines are targeted towards all stakeholder groups - industry, research community, regulators, civil society. The relevance for farmers was emphasised as especially important. There are opportunities for experts to help deliver the upcoming guidelines through technical advice. EATiP leads the work on environmental impact, whereas other guidelines focus on good husbandry and climate issues. Anyone interested to engage as experts (compensation is to be provided through the AAM tender) can contact EATiP. There is also a Board of ambassadors, and funding will be made available



for training and dissemination, and to support industry and stakeholder involvement, e.g. through translated reports.

The EU Mission Restore our Oceans and Waters includes the 5 European sea basins and fresh waters. Through the Mission Charter, the EC wants to encourage its stakeholders to engage, and to showcase the actions and results that help achieving the Mission objectives. MiPs are encouraged to pledge support to the Mission and join the community of practice, through signing up cluster and industry driven actions. This can be done through the form at <https://ec.europa.eu/eusurvey/runner/MissionOceanWatersCharter>

The OLAMUR project had its kick-off meeting in February '23. It is funded under Horizon Europe, as a Mission Ocean Lighthouse, demonstrating marine co-existence pilots in the Baltic and North Sea basin. It is looking at multi-use issues, combining offshore wind energy with aquaculture of algae and shellfish. EATiP is leading the dissemination and exploitation work package. A set of activities and events are planned, incl. training events on best practices. Part of the budget can be allocated to e.g. live MiP meetings. A separate meeting can be organized with those MiPs and stakeholders showing interest in the co-existence activities.

The AQUAEXCEL3.0 research infrastructure project is looking for opportunities to present outcomes that have been evaluated as being of potential high impact. It is of particular interest to stimulate the dissemination of these EU generated outputs results at cluster events in the home country of the output owners. Travel and subsistence can be covered by the project. The list of results will be shared with the MiPs.

4. Blue Partnership – engagement with the aquaculture community

Kathrine Angell-Hansen from the Norwegian Research Council, which co-coordinates the Partnership and is responsible for the market uptake, presented the [Bluepartnership](#). It is coordinated by the Ministry of Education and Research in Italy. The first call for proposals was launched - see [Call text](#). An informative webinar was held on March 2nd. There will be 6 co-funded calls, focusing on 5 intervention areas, two of them focusing on blue food. Impact is key, and it will be necessary for the developers of knowledge to engage those applying the knowledge at a regional level! All partnership processes are based on co-creation and co-design, operating according to the quintuple helix model. It is building on co-funding initiatives (e.g. BlueBio) and existing platforms such as EATiP.

BluePartnership has a Brussels office team with representatives from IT, FR, DK, NO. The partnership can be contacted through the coordinator, the Brussels cell, the regional contact nodes or the national contact points. Contact addresses are included in the call [ANNEX B VF Addendum2.pdf](#). The partnership homepage also includes a partner search tool and invitation to matchmaking events.

It was suggested to organise a first joint meeting with the partnership to exchange ideas on how to interact with and connect to EATiP. This can be done at:

- operational level: engage in calls, at sea basin level actions, building a stakeholder community;
- strategical level: interregional interactions, securing impact to the aquaculture stakeholders across the value chain.

The presentation is made available on Basecamp as separate file.



5. Planning MiP and thematic meetings (lead YM)

The EATiP AGM will be held on 14-15 June, in Brussels (BE). A joint MiP meeting is to be held on June 15. There was an interest to set up a meet and greet networking event, for MiPs to meet sister ETPs (e.g. Organics, FABRE, IPIFF, WindTP) and other European networks, to understand how they relate to aquaculture. The secretariat will check with the MiPs which would be of relevance.

Aquaculture Europe '23 will be held in September 18-21, Vienna (AT). EATiP is interacting with EAS on the organization of the Innovation Forum, where MiP driven actions and results can be presented. A draft agenda will be circulated.

The Norwegian MiPs are part of the AquaMare network, collaborating on topics of common interest. They have expressed the interest to arrange a European workshop on the utilization of aquaculture sludge as substrate to produce multiple cell organisms for feed. This is currently not allowed due to the risk of disease transition. A common workshop would have the aim to gather relevant competence in this matter and build a joint strategy and knowledge base. Several MiPs (VAC, Stiim) expressed their interest. Contact person is Ann Cecilie Ursin Hilling (NCE Aquaculture).

Stiim mentioned that it might be interested in setting up a Forum on Offshore aquaculture, related to safety, fish health, construction, logistics.

Possible site visits can be organized in Malta (AquaBioTech), Norway (AquaMare), Belgium.

6. Any other business

No other issues were taken up.