

Regeneration across generations

Socially Inclusive & Sustainable Development of the Atlantic Seaboard



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Project description

Aquaculture is one of five sectors in the EU's Blue Growth Strategy considered to have high potential for sustainable jobs and growth. However, there are inconsistent regulatory and licensing frameworks across Europe and there is a need for a more coherent approach to development and management of aquaculture throughout the European Economic Area.

The four year and €7 million EU Horizon 2020 funded Tools for Assessment and Planning of Aquaculture Sustainability ([TAPAS](#)) project started March 2016. Its main objective to support sustainable growth of the sector in Europe by establishing an efficient regulatory framework and decision support system. Using case study sites throughout Europe with several locations in the Atlantic Area, TAPAS is considering a range of production systems including freshwater ponds, re-circulating systems, shellfish farms, marine cages and emerging technologies such as Integrated Multi-Trophic Aquaculture (IMTA).

Outcomes of the project

- A European Knowledge platform involving 15 partner organisations including research institutions.
- Undergoing case studies covering the key freshwater and marine production sectors to investigate, test and validate approaches.
- Significant progress in identifying the licensing and regulatory issues across Europe via an in-depth stakeholder consultation.

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