



# AquaVitae

## Work Package 8 - Policy and Governance

*Encourage sustainable aquaculture development through a fit-for-purpose and evidence-based governance framework*

### KEYWORDS

Sustainable aquaculture, low-trophic aquaculture (LTA), dialogue, cooperation, policy, governance, policy making, public awareness

### GOALS

1. Analyse aquaculture policy and governance issues at European and international level, supporting policy dialogues, policy-making and public awareness.
2. Analyse existing policy frameworks across the Atlantic and explore their effect on the development of LTA.
3. Examine producers' perceptions of the effects of current policy frameworks on the industry's development.
4. Provide synthesis and policy recommendations to promote sustainable aquaculture development.

### CHALLENGES

The main objective of Work Package 8 (WP8) is to provide policy recommendations that support the sustainable development of low-trophic aquaculture across the Atlantic.

Low-trophic aquaculture is increasingly important. However, ensuring that it can grow sustainably from an environmental, social, and economic standpoint is dependent on a robust and continuously evolving governance framework, that is adapted to the diversity of low-trophic systems and products, and which understands its specific challenges and needs across contexts.

This is a complex challenge which requires an up-to-date and in-depth knowledge of governance frameworks, their specific and changing contexts, and the effects on sustainable LTA production and value chains. Understanding the scope for improvement and identifying policy options which could address existing and future challenges is therefore a key to devise real-world policy solutions.

### EXPECTED RESULTS

WP8 will engage and contribute to existing policy dialogues and will provide recommendations on low-trophic aquaculture policy frameworks and good practice for policy development of low-trophic aquaculture.

These will be shared in the form of policy briefs, policy roundtables and discussions with policymakers, scientific publications, conferences, and project deliverables.

### EXPECTED USERS

5. Policymakers and regulators
6. Aquaculture producers and value-chain businesses
7. Non-governmental organisations
8. Certification organisations
9. Research community
10. Citizens and consumers



### AT A GLANCE

1. **Geographical scope:** Atlantic basin
2. **Project period:** 2019-2023
3. Analysis of aquaculture policy and governance in Europe and internationally.
4. Recommendations on policy frameworks and good practice for policy development.



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## WORKPLAN

The work in WP8 is divided into four tasks, as follows:

1. Analysis of policy frameworks (T8.1)
2. Examine producer perceptions of policy frameworks (T8.2)
3. Contribute to policy fora for the sustainable development of aquaculture (T8.3)
4. Synthesis and recommendations (T8.4)

These in turn, will lead to the following deliverables:

5. Report on current policy frameworks in the EU, BRA, ZA (D8.1)
6. Report on industry perceptions on current low-trophic aquaculture policy frameworks (D8.2)
7. Recommendations for low-trophic species aquaculture policy frameworks (D8.3)
8. Policy brief for low-trophic aquaculture in EU, BRA, ZA (D8.4)
9. Report on good practice for policy development of low-trophic aquaculture (D8.5)

## SCOPE OF WORK

WP8 will start by describing the current state of legal and regulatory frameworks, applicable to low-trophic aquaculture, in case studies in Europe, Brazil and South-Africa. We will then situate this in context of stakeholder's experience, by examining producer's perception of the effects existing frameworks.

This analysis of existing policies and stakeholder perceptions will provide the basis for identifying policy constraints and suggest solutions to overcome them.

In order to draw recommendations for policy development, we will further analyse the scope to improve existing policies, for instance through adaptive governance approaches.

We will then collect and examine cases of good practice across the Atlantic, exploring success factors and the scope for lessons to be cross-transferred to support low-trophic aquaculture development.

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### LINKS



WP presentation: LTA policy and governance around the Atlantic basin: challenges and pathways forward



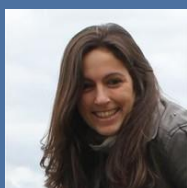
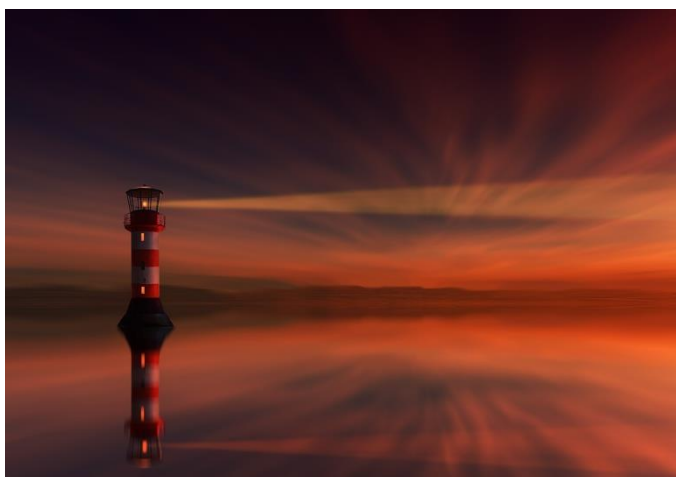
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