

# Aquaculture in Motion 2016

## “Farmed in Europe”

European Aquaculture  
Technology and Innovation Platform



*Actions vs. Strategies – what is needed?*  
*“Research and Innovation”*

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# The main challenges for growth



*2013 Strategic guidelines for the sustainable development of EU aquaculture  
(European Commission)*

- Simplify administrative procedures.
- Securing growth through coordinated spatial planning.
- Enhancing the competitiveness of EU aquaculture.
- Promoting a level playing field for EU operators.

# Develop competitiveness (1/2)



For both the sectorial and enterprises dimension

- Increase profitability by
  - Addressing cost constraints
  - Reducing prize formation problems
  - Reducing administrative burden
  - Improving legislative framework
- Promoting technology and innovation actions
- Improving knowledge management

**Industry development**

**Real innovation**

# Develop competitiveness (2/2)



## The contribution of EATiP

- A **Vision** for European Aquaculture:
  - obtained by consensus -Research, Industry and Administration.
- The **role** of European Aquaculture.
- **Challenges** to progress.
- The **Strategic Research and Innovation** prioritisation exercise:
  - balanced assessment
- **The way forward.**

# The SRiA prioritisation exercise

Food for thought – some ideas....

- Priorities have to come from needs:
  - From the E.A. challenges to progress
  - From the E.A. to achieve sound growth
  
- A key focus point has to be why we are stagnant in growth terms.
  
- How R&D+i can help in the 4 priority areas defined and guided by the Commission.

# The way forward (1/2)



- If you study the list of projects approved in the last 15 years both by member states and the EU Commission:
  - There are plenty that are pretty far from the goals defined by consensus in EATiP.
  - They have helped very little to the actual development.
- R&D+i is very far from being efficient in helping European Industry to grow.
- There is an inflation in the amount of entities devoted to research, in some countries. Dispersion of efforts.
- A consolidation in R&D+i is needed. We producers are cyclically forced to consolidate. Research laboratories should also be doing so.

# The way forward (2/2)



**A PROPOSAL:** Institutions –with decision power to decide where to invest in aquaculture R&D-, **need sectorial influence.**

- A kind of “senate” from industry is much needed.
- But cannot be the CEO’s of our companies.
- We have to turn the wheel, solve this dilemma.

**Should we ask experts from one country to assess other countries?**

**Should the administration seek advice from “wise entrepreneurs” from the industry?**



## **SRiA and its prioritisation is just one step forward:**

- We need **European Aquaculture to grow.**
- We have to be a profitable industry.
- We need a sound R&D+i. The European and member states investment should be advised by private experts.
- We need the EU Commission to fulfil its compromise: EATiP SRiA have to be the guide for investment in Aquaculture RD+i.



**Thanks !!!!**