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## Press Release

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### **FEAP elects Anna Pyć as new President, succeeding Lara Barazi-Geroulanou**

The Federation of European Aquaculture Producers (FEAP) held its 2026 Annual General Meeting (AGM) in Limassol, Cyprus, on May 22<sup>nd</sup>, marking a historic leadership transition. After six years at the helm of the federation, Ms Lara Barazi-Geroulanou (Greece) officially concluded her term as President, having driven significant progress for European aquaculture during her tenure.

In a unanimous vote, members elected Ms Anna Pyć (Poland) as the new President of FEAP for the next three years.

Ms Pyć brings a wealth of hands-on experience and strategic vision to the role. She is the CEO of Pustelnia Fish Farm, Vice President of the Polish Trout Breeders Association, and now President of FEAP. Having been actively engaged in FEAP's work for many years, including six years on its Management Committee, she has demonstrated a strong commitment to advancing European aquaculture's interests. Her experience, professionalism, and dedication to collaborative European dialogue make her a highly respected leader in the sector.

Over this time, Anna Pyć's contributions and vision have included representing Poland's two main farmed species, carp and trout, thereby strengthening their visibility and strategic importance at both national and EU levels; building strong cooperation with key national institutions to shape sustainable aquaculture development, contributing to evidence-based policymaking and sectoral innovation; and leading a modern, continuously developing family-run company that combines tradition with innovation, implementing new technologies to improve efficiency, welfare, and sustainability.

Anna's work also involved representing farmed fish producers in strategic policy discussions, ensuring that the perspectives of Polish and European aquaculture are reflected in EU-level decision-making; and advocating for the sustainable growth of the aquaculture sector, promoting responsible production, environmental stewardship, and high-quality standards across the value chain.

Moreover, she has strengthened the professional visibility of women in aquaculture, demonstrating through her leadership that women bring effectiveness, innovation

"Every day, Anna Pyć demonstrates the strength and leadership of women in aquaculture, managing and developing her own fish farm, driving continuous

improvement, and providing substantive, well-informed input on legal frameworks regulating the sector,” FEAP noted in the announcement. As a Polish aquaculture ambassador with specialised education combined with hands-on experience, she bridges scientific knowledge, practical management, and policy expertise to support the sustainable future of European aquaculture. “Moreover, the election of Anna strongly signals the relevance of freshwater fish farming throughout Europe”.

Outgoing President Lara Barazi-Geroulanou was thanked for her six years of dedicated service and transformative leadership, which positioned FEAP as a stronger, more unified voice for European fish farmers.

The Federation extended its gratitude to the Cypriot hosts, the Cyprus Mariculture Association, for their warm welcome and looks forward to a new chapter of innovation and collaboration under President Pyc’s leadership.



Family owners of Pustelnia Fish Farm



Lara Barazi & Anna Pyc

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#### ***About the Federation of European Aquaculture Producers***

*The Federation of European Aquaculture Producers is an organisation that represents the European fish farming profession and is based in Brussels. FEAP is composed of 25 national fish farming associations from 23 countries, both EU and non-EU. The combined yearly production of FEAP members surpasses 2,5 million tonnes of nutritious, safe, delicious, and environmentally sustainable fish.*