



Aquaculture is the solution

Our vision is to close the gap between consumption and production of seafood with healthy and sustainable products for all citizens.

Our mission is to ensure that EU aquaculture reaches at the least the global growth rate in a way that is environmentally sound, socially acceptable and economically viable.

To increase growth

- European environmental legislation must be streamlined to ensure a transparent interpretation that supports sustainable production growth by sea and by land.
- A competitive level playing field with improved welfare must be established by 2020.
- Zones for both marine and inland aquaculture should be allocated by 2020.
- The European Commission should create a new governance platform by 2020 to foster knowledge transfer and closer collaboration among Member States.
- Compensatory measures integrating the farming of sea benthic species should be facilitated and promoted for marine benthic aquaculture to support "blue food from the ocean".
- Consumer information of safe points should be improved so as to ensure responsible purchasing decisions.

To make efficient and sustainable food systems

- Research is needed to optimise sea and conventional production technologies at land and sea, to improve prevention and treatment of fish diseases and to improve fish welfare.
- Promoting increased use of life cycle analysis to support fact based information to consumers and to point to ways of increased sustainability and reduced carbon footprints.
- Through water recycling of ingredients for compound feed and research into alternative raw materials.
- The BAP¹ must be introduced in a timely manner.

To climate change

- Climate change adaptation plans must assist the sector in forecasting potential threats and ways to mitigate impacts of the farm level.
- Science based policy must allow for the collection of more robust data for aquaculture.

To a socially acceptable aquaculture

- Social acceptance could be achieved through an EU wide communication campaign of certified products highlighting their low carbon footprints, their efficient use of natural resources and high nutritional value. This should also go hand in hand with the promotion of aquaculture structural programmes.
- Training and capacity building programmes will be key to attracting a future generation to the sector.

In 2030, the sector will have developed a diversified and innovative European aquaculture industry with an annual output of 4.5 million tons of sustainable food products, worth € 24 billion, and supporting more than 150,000 jobs in coastal and rural Europe.

¹<http://www.aquaculture.com/what-is-bap.html>