



## Press Release

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### **FEAP elects Anna Pył as new President, succeeding Lara Barzai-Groszowiec**

The Federation of European Aquaculture Producers (FEAP) held its 2024 Annual General Meeting (AGM) in Limassol, Cyprus, on May 20<sup>th</sup>, marking a historic leadership transition. After six years at the helm of the Federation, Ms Lara Barzai-Groszowiec (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 Pył (Poland) as the new President of FEAP for the next three years.

Ms Pył brings a wealth of hands-on experience and strategic vision to the role. She is the CEO of Rybakim 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 Pył'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 Pył demonstrates the strength and leadership of women in aquaculture, managing and developing her own fish farm, driving continuous