Aquaculture and the EU policy agenda

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CFP objective (2013) : development of sustainable EU aquaculture

Strategic policy coordination



Implementation of the EU Strategy for Aquaculture

European Commission

- EU Aquaculture website
- Documents/training
 - regulatory and administrative framework and planning of space for marine aquaculture \checkmark
 - access to space and water for inland aquaculture, adaptation to climate change and energy transition (end of 2024)
 - environmental performance and Code of conduct on fish welfare and fish welfare indicators (2025).
- Funding of research and innovation
- EMFAF, Horizon Europe, Mission Ocean and Waters, Interreg

Member States

- National strategic plans for aquaculture
- Funding



EMFAF, ...national funds



Will this be enough?

Mid-term assessment

Progress/impact

- Survey MS experts (31 October)
- Assessment of Commission action
- Stakeholders event (March 2025)
- Final report (autumn 2025)



CFP evaluation



The next Commission

Political Guidelines (Von der Leyen, July 2024)

- Sustainable prosperity and competitiveness and economic sovereignty (make our economy more resilient and less dependent on frail supply chains)
- Continue the implementation of the EGD
- Food security: Vision on Agriculture and Food
- European Oceans Pact



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