



Laboratório Colaborativo
Sustainable and Smart Aquaculture

S2AQUAcoLAB: bridging science and industry for a resilient aquaculture sector



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Integrated approach to diversify and enhance aquaculture production in the EU



Focus on **low-trophic species** (e.g. bivalves and/or other invertebrates, seaweeds)



Sustainable farming practices such as **Integrated Multi-Trophic Aquaculture (IMTA)** and **alternative feed ingredients**.



Develop **innovative solutions** that increase the sector's competitiveness, reduce environmental impact, and improve consumer acceptance



Address **regulatory challenges** and market barriers, fostering knowledge transfer and the adoption of these sustainable practices by industry partners.

The partners we are looking for...



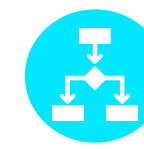
Aquaculture industry stakeholders (producers, feed companies, technology providers) to co-develop and test innovative production methods and feed formulations.



Research institutions with expertise in **marine biology, fish health, genetics, and circular economy** to contribute scientific knowledge and sustainability assessments.



Social sciences and market experts to study consumer acceptance, regulatory frameworks, and economic feasibility.



Policy and governance entities to address regulatory barriers and promote science-based policies for sustainable aquaculture.



Partners to foster knowledge exchange and enhance global competitiveness.



Key Competences

ELEVATING THE AQUACULTURE SECTOR TO A NEW LEVEL

- "Hands on" training and qualification;
- Production Optimization of marine organisms;
- Bioindicators of health and welfare conditions;
- Environmental monitoring and adaptation to climate change;
- New products, technological development and market.

New technology developments

FORESEEING THE UPCOMING CHALLENGES IN AQUACULTURE

- Improvement of reproduction and rearing protocols for new species;
- New farming methodologies (e.g. RAS, IMTA);
- New ingredients for feeds (e.g. insect meal, algae, functional ingredients);
- New production technologies (Onshore and Offshore);
- Implementation of automation and AI technologies.

Main customers

BUILDING BRIDGES OF SCIENCE AND R&D IN THE AQUACULTURE SECTOR

- Aquaculture business companies;
- Universities and Research institutes;
- Spin-offs;
- Start-ups and other companies.

Target markets

RENEWING THE AQUACULTURE MARKET CONCEPT

- Aquaculture industry;
- Food and Feeds companies;
- Pharmaceutical companies;
- Development of products for audiences with special needs (e.g. nutrient-enriched seafood);
- Cosmetic industry;
- Engineering.

> Other potential calls

**HORIZON-CL6-2025-02-FARM2FORK-07:
Fostering animal breeding and genetics for
climate change adaptation and mitigation,
improved robustness and resilience**



**HORIZON-CL6-2025-03-GOVERNANCE-05:
Exploring options to resolve land and sea
use competition**

Thank You!

