

## AT A GLANCE

**TITLE:**

Support Measures for Small-Scale Fishing

**CONSORTIUM:**

3 Mediterranean partners

**COORDINATOR:**

APC Advanced Planning-Consulting SA (Greece)

**ACTION:**

Measures to support small-scale fisheries in the EU Mediterranean water

**DURATION:**

January 2016 – March 2017

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**EU CONTRIBUTION:**

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**MARE/2014/04**

*Measures to support small scale fisheries in the Mediterranean water*

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**PARTNERS:**

- 1 AP MARINE ENVIRONMENTAL CONSULTANCY LTD (Cyprus)
- 2 AQUABIOTECH LIMITED (Malta)



## Support Measures for Small-Scale Fishing

This pilot project aims to help the small-scale coastal fishing to overpass a number of problems which limit the possible potential of the small scale fisheries sector. The main objective of this project is to facilitate and increase the level of involvement of the small scale fishers in the advisory and decision-making processes by transfer of knowledge, informative education, and exchange of experiences, good practices and networking. This will be achieved through a set of seminars, workshops, presentations and interviews. These actions will be implemented simultaneously in three Mediterranean countries (Greece, Cyprus, Malta) so as to increase the level of information shared and give the fishers the opportunity to gain knowledge. Each country will follow the same methodology in order to identify similarities, weaknesses and strengths, and learn the good practices used in other countries. The trans-European character of the project will contribute to the opening of new perspectives for the small scale fishermen. The active involvement of fishers at the decision making and advisory bodies will facilitate both the bottom up approach and the information dissemination to the sector.

- ✓ *Implementation of the Common Fisheries Policy*
- ✓ *Active Involvement at Decision Making Process*
- ✓ *Information Platform Greece-Cyprus-Malta*
- ✓ *Sharing Experiences and Good Practices*
- ✓ *Information Dissemination*

## Objectives of the Support Measures for Small-Scale Fishing

- Identify and reinforce the degree of involvement of the small-scale fishing sector in industry organisations, including private initiatives (e.g. the group Low Impact Fishers of Europe) or in publicly established bodies (e.g. Advisory Councils set up under the Common Fisheries Policy), and in other fora and platforms pursuing the objective of sustainable management of fisheries.
- Promote the exchange of good practices that will further increase the participation of the small-scale fishing sector in the advisory and decision-making processes being carried out under the new regionalised Common Fisheries Policy.

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### TYPE:

Research SME

### LOCATION:

Mosta, MALTA G. C.

### CAPABILITIES:

R&D / Consultancy / Engineering

### EXPERTISE:

Aquaculture / Marine Research  
Blue Growth / Aquatic Environment



## Who We Are

The **AquaBioTech Group** is an international research and development, engineering, technology provider and consulting company strategically located in the centre of the Mediterranean on the island of Malta, although operating globally with clients and projects in over fifty-five countries. The **AquaBioTech Group** undertakes a variety of aquaculture, fisheries, marine surveying, aquarium and aquatic environmental projects through its regional offices and partners throughout the world. The vast majority of the company's work is related to the marine or aquatic environment, encompassing aquaculture developments, market research / intelligence, through to project feasibility assessments, finance acquisition, project management, technology sourcing and technical support and training.

## Our role in the Support Measures for Small-Scale Fishing project

The **AquaBioTech Group's** tasks within the **Support Measures for Small-Scale Fishing** project are the following:

- Map the current situation in small scale fisheries through data collection
- Conduct a comparison study with the other two participating countries
- Conduct survey with the use of interviews and questionnaires
- Identify gaps in representation from existing organisations
- Create awareness with the extensive use of information
- Provide the information regarding the sector in Malta
- Introduce the available platforms to the fishermen
- Organise training seminars
- Exchange good practices

## AquaBioTech Group Research Activities



### AQUACULTURE R&D

Fish & shellfish hatchery technology  
Health & disease prevention  
Nutraceutical development  
New species development  
Aquatic nutrition research  
Production techniques



### MARINE RESEARCH

Environmental Impact Assessments  
Geophysical investigations  
Marine spatial planning  
Marine engineering  
Marine surveying  
Baseline studies



### WATER TECHNOLOGIES R&D

Recirculation Aquaculture Systems  
Aquaponics / hydroponics  
Wastewater treatment  
Energy efficiency  
Sustainability  
Innovation

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