



European Aquaculture
Technology and Innovation Platform

EATiP-EAS Day in
Aquaculture Europe 2014

Why did it happen?

- **Mediterranean fish farmers (FEAP) recognised a problem**
 - ❑ Lack of improvement in technical performance
 - ❑ Research needed in nutrition, juvenile quality...
 - ❑ But governance and legislative issues as well
- **Resolution sent to EC**
- **EATiP & EAS Boards agreed to a focused workshop in AE2014**



Why did it happen?

- 220 people attended
 - ❑ 2 keynotes (EATiP Chairman and Bjorn Myrseth)
 - ❑ 16 expert panellists (Nutrition, Genetics, Health)
- Debate - Conclusions – Recommendations
 - ❑ Available in the Meeting Minutes on www.eatip.eu



What did it achieve?

- A range of challenges identified clearly
 - ☐ targeting the profession
 - ☐ targeting the researchers
 - ☐ targeting the legislator
- Recognition of complexity in the Med. profession
 1. + little to no sectoral communication
 2. + different economic positions
- Need to improve common actions to improve performance – cannot work in isolation

Top recommendations

- **Improve communication, cooperation within the industry**
- **Genetic selection** – a long-term process – must be followed
 - ❑ **Establish breeding programmes**
- **Vaccines** – for existing and emerging health needs
 - ❑ including availability and licensing
- **Develop Risk management strategies**

Top recommendations

- **Better feeds** for **each** species and **for each life stage** – understand nutrient requirements
- **Fallowing** – better site management
- Improve **governance** and **monitoring** strategies
- Establish **farm performance benchmarking**
- **Invest in pilot marine farm(s)** for testing

Conclusions

1. ‘Focused’ event & structure, providing Industry/Research interface, was ‘fit for purpose’
 1. Provided valuable conclusions/guidance
 2. Event will be repeated – replacing farmers’ day
 3. In AE2015 and in Freshwater Conference
 1. Themes to be determined soon
2. Minutes & Recommendations provided to EC
 1. Proposal outline prepared for H2020 WP