



#### **AIM**

To provide more sustainable animals through the development & uptake of better animal breeding and reproduction approaches





- Meeting point for professionals in animal genetics, genomics, breeding, reproduction
- Exchange Platform
- Cooperation Platform
- Consortia creating Platform
- Dissemination Platform
- Input EU and National Research Programmes

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### **FISHBOOST**

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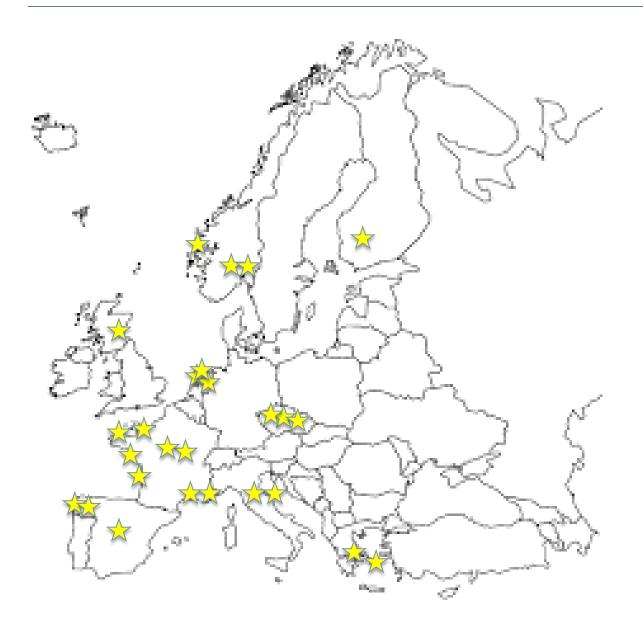




#### **Hard facts**

- FP7-Collaborative Research Project targeted to SMEs- grant agreement No 613611
- February 2014-January 2019
- The contribution of the European Commission is
  €6 million
- 26 partners- ALL work through collaboration Industry & RTD





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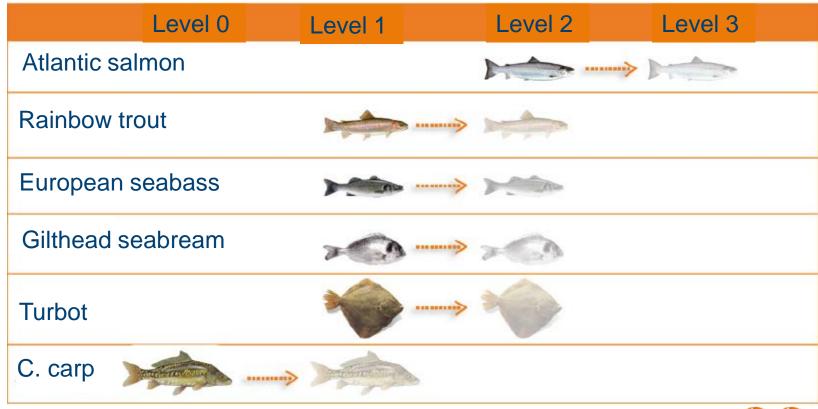
### **Background**

 Globally, ~10% of aquacultue production is based on genetically improved stocks (Gjedrem et al., 2012)

 In Europe, large differences between countries, species etc

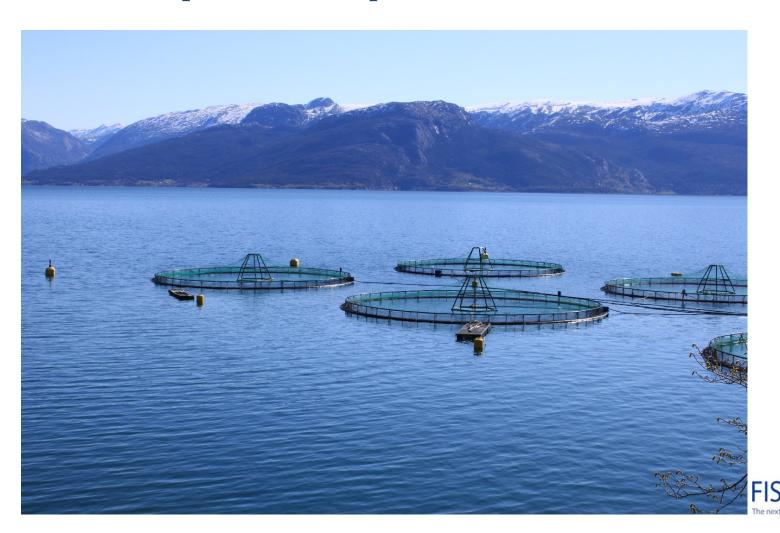


# Boosting European aquaculture by advancing selective breeding to the next level





# What will FISHBOOST do for European aquaculture?



### Recording protocols for defining new traits for the breeding goal

- Feed efficiency
- Fillet yield
- Disease
  - Resistance
  - Tolerance
  - Infectivity



Robbert Blonk, IMARES, feed efficiency



### Calculate heritability and genetic correlations

- Feed efficiency and fillet yield
  - Indirect measurements
- Winter survival

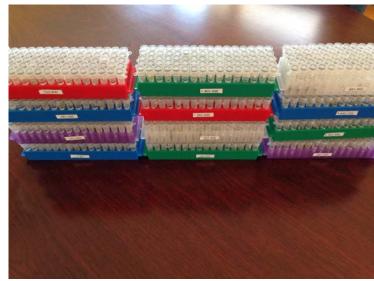


- PD (V), KHV ((V), VNN (V), Pasteurella (B),
  Sparicotyle chrysophrii (P), FP (B), Scuticociliatosis (P)
- G x multiple feed (veg/marine origin)



# Develop the genomics field for the six finfish species

 Genomic architecture for disease resistance traits



- Map genes
- Estimate genomic breeding values
- Genotyping by sequencing techniques



### Deliver optimised breeding schemes for six finfish species

- Design
- Genetic parameters
- Evaluation methods
- Economic evaluation of traits
- Perception of producers & representative organisations



### Courses and seminars

#### Autumn 2015

- Tool for setting up base populations
- Tool for constraining rates of inbreeding in aquqculture breeding programs

- Keep informed at <u>www.fishboost.eu</u>
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Level 0 No modern breeding programmes.

Level 1 Basic breeding programmes with few traits that are measured directly on selection candidates.

Level 2 Advanced breeding programmes with several traits and routine sib-testing to improve some traits via family selection.

Level 3 Advanced breeding programmes with several traits and routine use of genomic tools to improve accuracy on sib- tested traits.

