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Allocated Zones for circular Aquaculture to trigger the transition to an Inclusive and Circular Economy in aquaculture sector fostering new business opportunities and eco-consciousness society

Funding programme: Interreg Euro-MED

Programme Priority: Greener MED

Project mission: Strengthening an innovative sustainable economy

Programme Specific Objective: RSO2.6: Promoting the transition to a circular and resource efficient economy

Project start: 1st of January 2024

Project activities end: 30th of June 2026

Duration: 33 Months

Budget: 2.962.186,00 €

- ➔ **11 Partners** from **8 countries** (Greece, Italy, Spain, France, Croatia, Bulgaria, Montenegro, Portugal)
- ➔ **20 Associated Partners** from **13 countries** (Italy, Montenegro, Spain, Greece, Bulgaria, Croatia, Belgium, Portugal, Tunisia, Egypt, United Kingdom, Morocco, Jordan)

Brief Summary

The AZA4ICE Project addresses the sustainability challenges of aquaculture in the Euro-Mediterranean area promoting inclusive and circular practices. AZA4ICE relies on transnational cooperation and cross-border knowledge exchange to pioneer circular aquaculture spatial planning beyond existing coastal sea area practices; defining and testing the Allocated Zones for Circular Aquaculture in close-to-coast and inland waters. Through stakeholder engagement and the development of Action Plans, the project fosters dialogue and creates new business opportunities while building an eco-conscious society. AZA4ICE outputs will be valorised by public authorities, the private sector and academia for the benefit of society.



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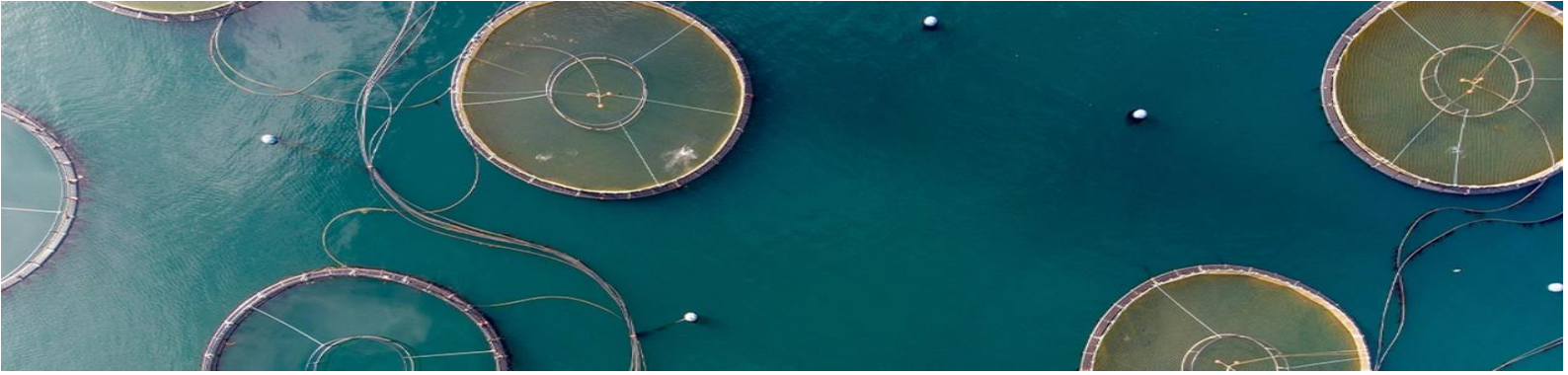
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Aquaculture contributes significantly to economic development and employment in the Euro-MED area. It is challenging to change the current linear economy model (take-make-waste) that is traditionally followed by the sector and aggravates the resources' depletion; and substitute it with CE practices which prevent the depletion by closing energy-material loops supporting business symbiosis.

Project Partners

The University of Patras is the lead partner (LP) of this project which includes other 10 partners from 8 countries in the MED area:

1. Region of Ionian Islands – Greece (EL)
2. IMC Foundation- International Marine Centre - *Italy* (IT)
3. Andalusian Research & Training Institute of Agriculture, Fisheries, Agrifood & ecological production - *Spain* (ES)
4. Pôle Mer Méditerranée - Business and Innovation Maritime Cluster - Toulon Var Technology - France (FR)
5. Public Institution Development Agency of Sibenik-Knin County- *Croatia* (HR)
6. Adria Innovation Harbour - *Croatia* (HR)
7. Dynamic Vision - *Greece* (EL)
8. Institute of Fish Resources - *Bulgaria* (BG)
9. Chamber of Economy of Montenegro - *Montenegro* (ME)
10. Portuguese Institute of the Sea and Atmosphere, P.I. - *Portugal* (PT)