

Dear Sirs,

The European Aquaculture Society (EAS), in our capacity as an observer to the COFI sub-committee on aquaculture, hereby confirms its official support of the recommendations of the 10<sup>th</sup> session of the committee held in Trondheim in August 2019.

We especially underline the importance of the following items:

1. **Ensuring sufficient 'stakeholder' involvement** to the Millennium Aquaculture Conference in September by providing an open consultation to finalise the 9 thematic papers by identifying the opportunities and challenges from a scientific and business point of view from the reviewed status and trends presented in the papers.
2. Setting up the “**Global Integrated Sustainable Aquaculture Program GISAP**”, with its 7 Thematic Areas and 5 cross-cutting areas. EAS notes the importance of the strategic support required in networking, data collection and especially resource mobilisation and would be pleased to assist COFI SAQ in communication of the outputs and progress against indicators. We can offer a platform for this at our Aquaculture 2022 event in Rimini, Italy.
3. Implementation of the next phase of the “**Action Plan on Antimicrobial Resistance 2021-2025**” especially regarding reference centres, laboratory capacity and training and promoting/communicating good practices.
4. The importance of the report “State of the World’s Aquatic Genetic Resources for Food and Agriculture” and the specific “**Plan of Action for Aquatic Genetic Resources.**” The proposed development of a global registry of farmed types and information system, the development of AqGR for a range of species through selective breeding and the guidelines for gene banking for threatened species, are all pertinent and needed actions to map and manage our aquatic genetic resources.

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