

EU Aquaculture Policy

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EU sustainable aquaculture policy

- "Soft" approach: coordination of national efforts
- Strategic guidelines
- National multiannual plans
- Exchange of good practices
- Guidance on relevant EU law



Union Strategic Guidelines COM(2013)229

1. Reduce administrative burdens
2. Facilitate access to water and space
3. Improve competitiveness
4. Exploit competitive advantages –
"level playing field"

http://ec.europa.eu/fisheries/cfp/aquaculture/official_documents/com_2013_229_en.pdf



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Member States' initiatives - MANPs

Improve procedures

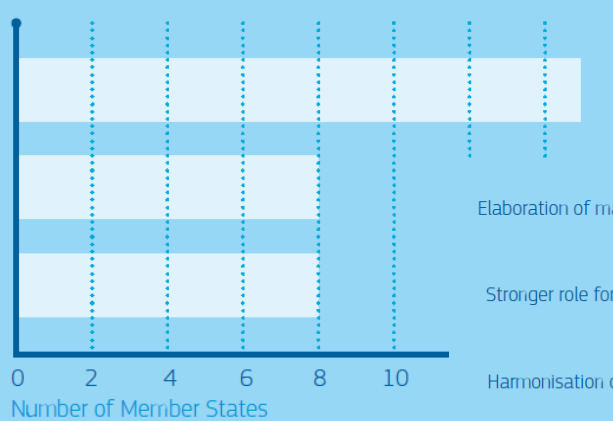
Review and streamlining, set up of a one-stop-shop, online application, longer licence duration

Support applicants

Guidance for applicants, platforms for dialogue with public administrations, online portals

Strengthen public administration

Improve coordination between involved public bodies, capacity building



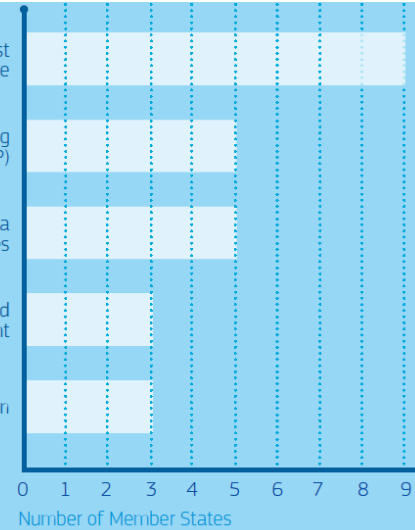
Elaboration of maps/database/studies to identify the most suitable areas for aquaculture

Stronger role for aquaculture in Maritime Spatial Planning (MSP)

Harmonisation of regional/local planning/common criteria for selecting zones/guidelines

Reinforce positive interactions between spatial planning and Natura2000 / Environmental Impact Assessment

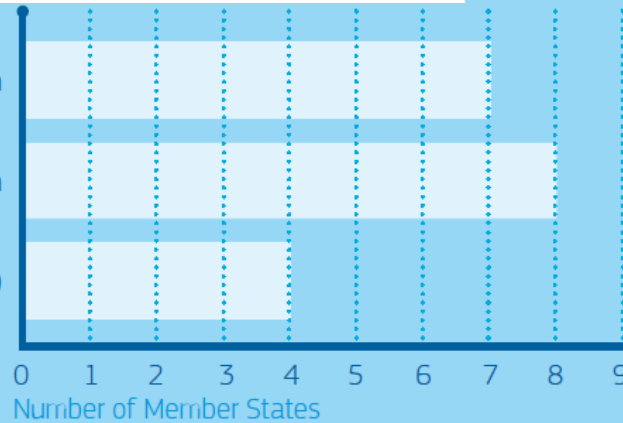
Change in legislation



Research - improvements in production

Marketing, Labelling, Communication

Producer Organisations (POs)

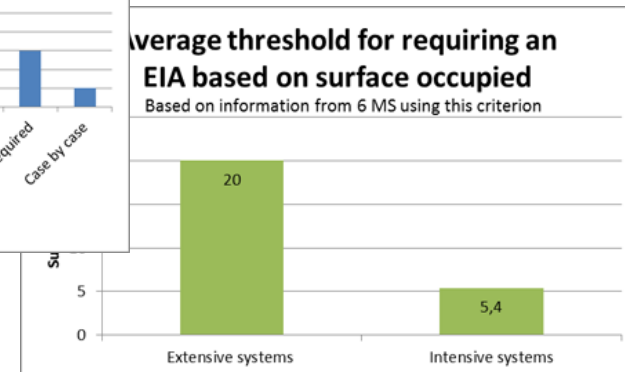
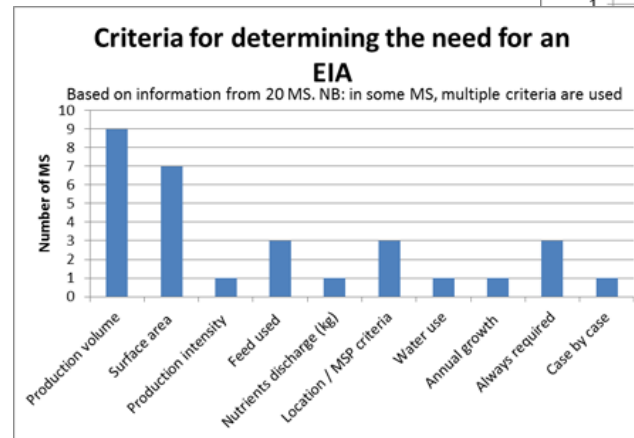
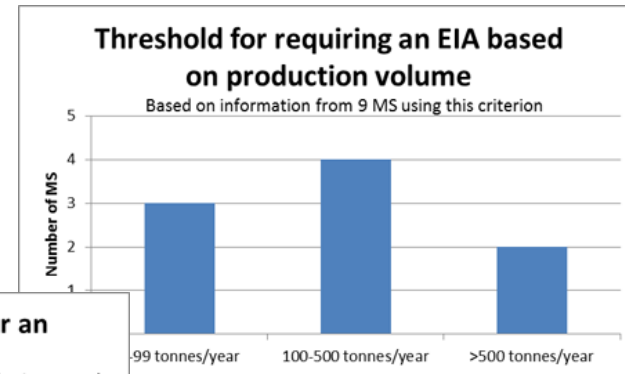




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Exchanges of experiences and good practices

- 4 workshops with MS (2/year)
- Ongoing dialogue
- Presentation of planned / adopted national initiatives
- Summary of main findings
- Joint initiatives?



Mid-term review in 2018



- Information on EU aquaculture policy, production methods, species
- Key legislation and guidance
- Multiannual plans and summaries
- Good practices



Aquaculture Advisory Council

- Main consultative body on aquaculture
- Farmers, feed producers, environmental NGOs, animal welfare groups, consumer associations, and all relevant stakeholders
- Operational since last year



Challenges – Aquaculture Feed

- *Sustainability*
- *Acceptance*
- *Public perception and information*

Thank you for your attention!



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