

WHAT IS THE AQUACULTURE ADVISORY COUNCIL (AAC)?

The Aquaculture Advisory Council (AAC) is a stakeholder-led representative organisation with members from the whole continent. The AAC is a balanced stakeholder organisation composed of representatives from the industry and other interest groups, with a 60% - 40% allocation of the seats in its Executive Committee (60% industry, 40% other interest groups).

Any European organisation with an interest in aquaculture can become a member of the AAC.



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WHAT DO WE DO ?

The AAC provides its advice to the European Union institutions and the Member States on any new legislative, regulatory or legal measure at European or national level related to the sustainable development of the aquaculture sector.

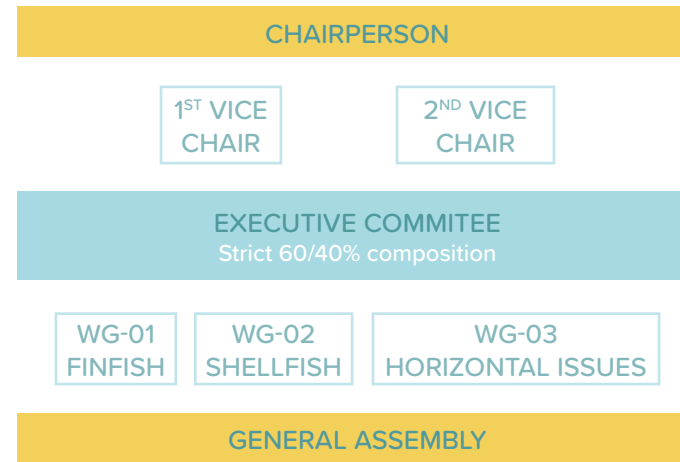
The advice is generated by three working groups. The Working Group 1 focuses on Finfish, the Working Group 2 on Shellfish and the Working Group 3 on Horizontal issues.

Since 2017, the AAC has published several pieces of advice on:

- The implementation of the Animal Health Law regulation
- The relevance of the availability of effective vaccines in aquaculture
- The presence of tetrodotoxin in shellfish
- The recovery of the European eel stock
- The level playing field for EU aquaculture
- The labelling of caviar

Link to the advice: <https://aac-europe.org/en/advice/position-papers>

COMPOSITION AND GOVERNING BODIES



FIGURES OF EU AQUACULTURE

Aquaculture is a significant activity in many European regions, producing around 1.3 million tonnes in volume and more than EUR 4 billion in value.

The EU is the fourth largest seafood producer worldwide, 80% of production comes from fisheries and 20% from aquaculture. The main aquaculture-producing countries in terms of volume are Spain, the United Kingdom, France, Italy and Greece.

Aquaculture employs more than 80 000 people in the EU.

Source:

https://ec.europa.eu/fisheries/sites/fisheries/files/docs/body/pcp_en.pdf

EU AQUACULTURE PRODUCTION PER PRODUCT TYPE (2015)

(percentage of total volume)

