



# AAC FACTS & FIGURES 2022



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The Aquaculture Advisory Council (AAC) advises the European Commission and EU Member States on matters related to aquaculture. Its recommendations include the voice of the EU Aquaculture stakeholders.

“ACs will remain the main stakeholder forum informing and advising the Commission and their recommendations will always have a higher weight than those issued by a single organisation or group.”

Charlina Vitcheva, DG MARE Director General

## 6<sup>th</sup> year of activity

22 Recommendations on a wide range of topics affecting EU aquaculture

Sustainable  
Wildlife  
PEFCR  
Blue Economy  
Rising production costs  
Youth  
Bird Predation

Freshwater  
Norovirus  
CMO  
Nutrient  
Covid 19  
Fish Welfare  
Small-Scale aquaculture  
Manure  
Live Fish Transport  
Molluscan welfare



Medicated feed  
Level-Playing field  
Organic  
Climate change  
Maritime Spatial Planning  
EMFAF  
Aquaculture definitions  
STECF  
Carbon sequestration  
Marine Litter  
Eel



All AAC Recommendations can be found on the AAC website in EN, FR, ES, IT, DE, PL, RO and EL: <https://aac-europe.org/en/recommendations/position-papers>



## 2 expert reports

-  Climate change impact on aquaculture activities
-  Fish ethology

## Additional informal advice to the European Commission, Member States and the European Parliament

Providing valuable and timely input on the Strategic Guidelines implementation, eels management, crisis measures, etc.

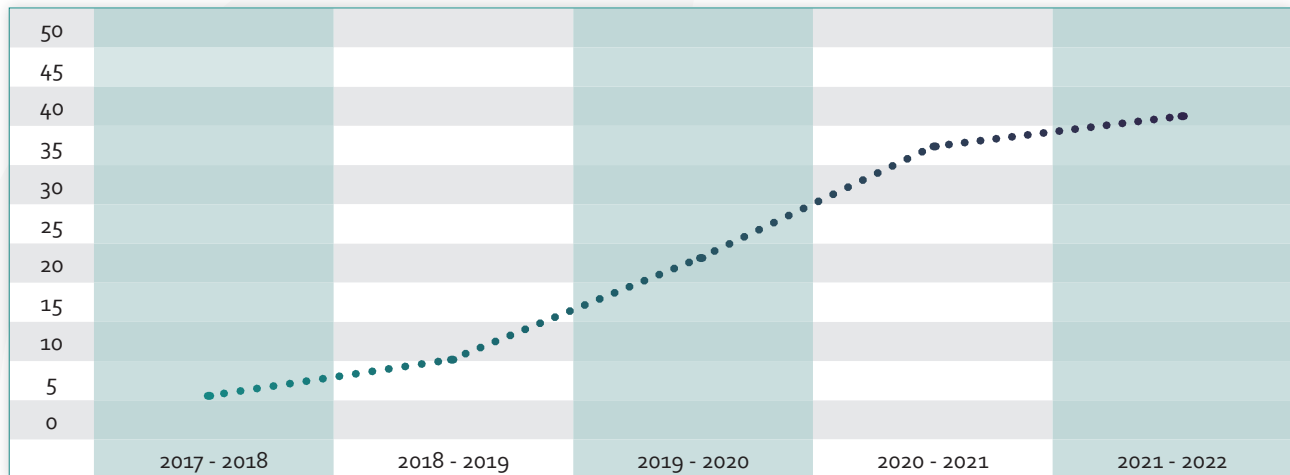
## 50 member organisations from all the EU





## 46 AAC Meetings

Among our 46 AAC meetings, 27 have been thematic Focus Groups meetings and 2 of them thematic seminars.



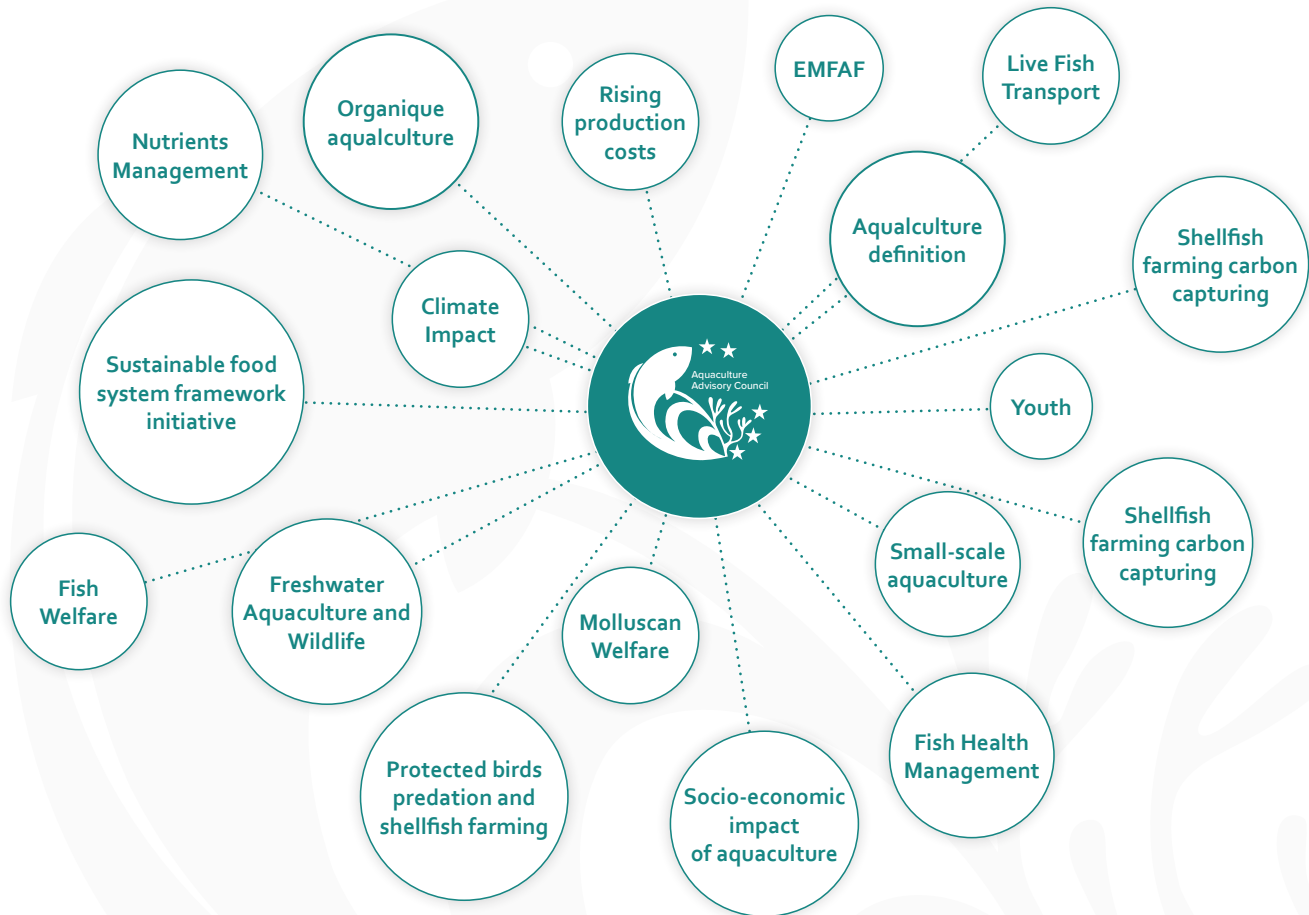
AAC Meeting



Over the years and with the introduction of virtual meetings, the number of AAC meetings has risen exponentially, especially for thematic focus groups meetings where future Recommendations are being drafted.

The number of exchanges with the European Commission (EC) has also increased and consist in periodical bilateral meetings with the Aquaculture Directorate, invitation to expert groups and preliminary consultations.

## 17 active Focus groups



## Budget

As a body of EU interest, the AAC receives an EC Grant contributing to 80% of its annual budget, while membership fees and MS contributions make for the remaining 20%. In 2021-2022, the AAC has received a total of 9 MS contributions.

The contributions enable us to conduct our activities, while ensuring that all our members can be offered the opportunity to express themselves in their own language and that our recommendations are translated into several EU languages.

To support the effort of the AAC members, DG MARE has decided to increase the amount of its annual grant in 2023.



## Our social media



### Twitter

**1 237**  
followers

**900**  
impressions on average  
on our tweets



### LinkedIn

**1 540**  
subscribers

**4 500**  
impressions on average  
on our publications



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