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The Aquaculture Advisory Council (AAC) brings together the EU Aquaculture stakeholders to advise the European Commission and EU Member States on matters related to the development and implementation of EU aquaculture policy.



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

7th year of activity

14 Recommendations on a wide range of topics affecting EU aquaculture



All AAC Recommendations can be found on the AAC website in EN, FR, ES, IT and DE, and some of them also in PL, RO and EL:

<https://aac-europe.org/en/recommendations/position-papers>





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

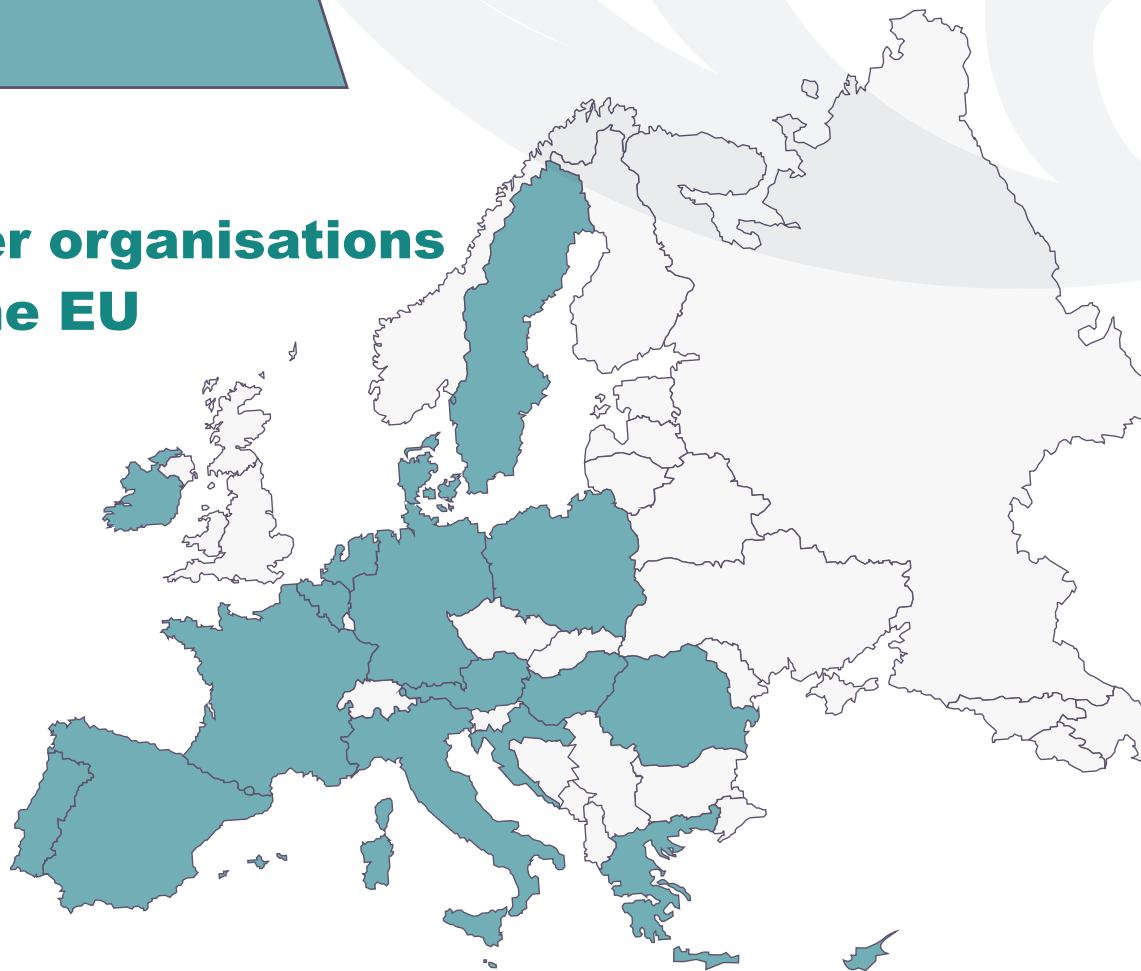
Providing valuable and timely input on the Strategic Guidelines implementation, eels management, veterinary medicinal products for aquaculture, Marine Protected Areas management measures, etc.

1 expert report



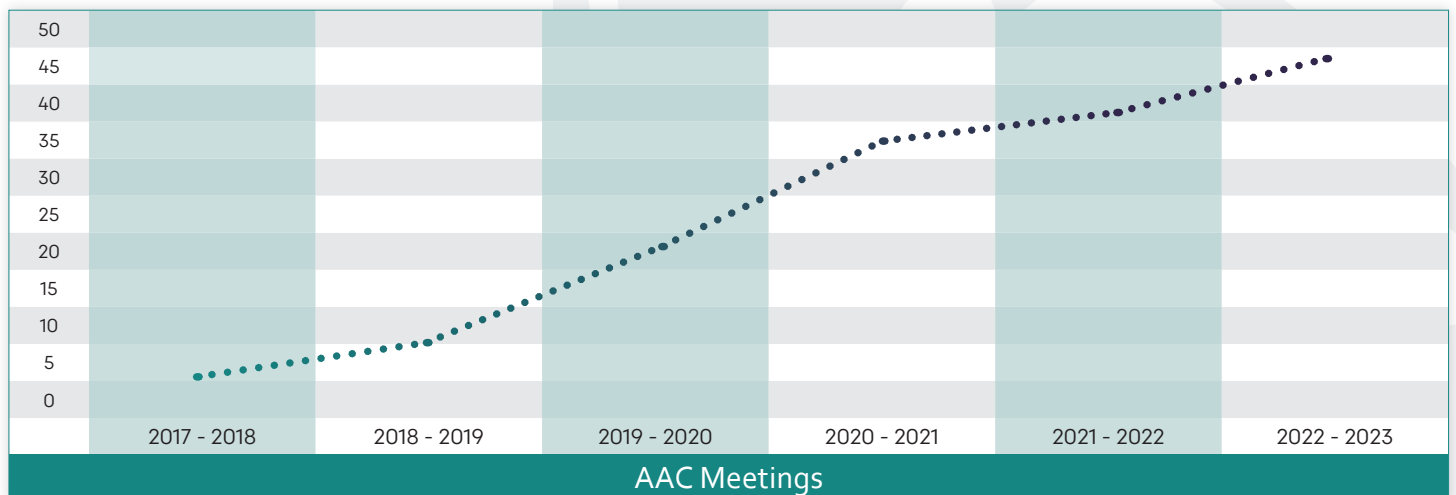
Fish ethology

49 member organisations from all the EU



58 AAC Meetings

Among our 58 AAC meetings, 28 have been thematic Focus Groups meetings and 2 of them thematic seminars.



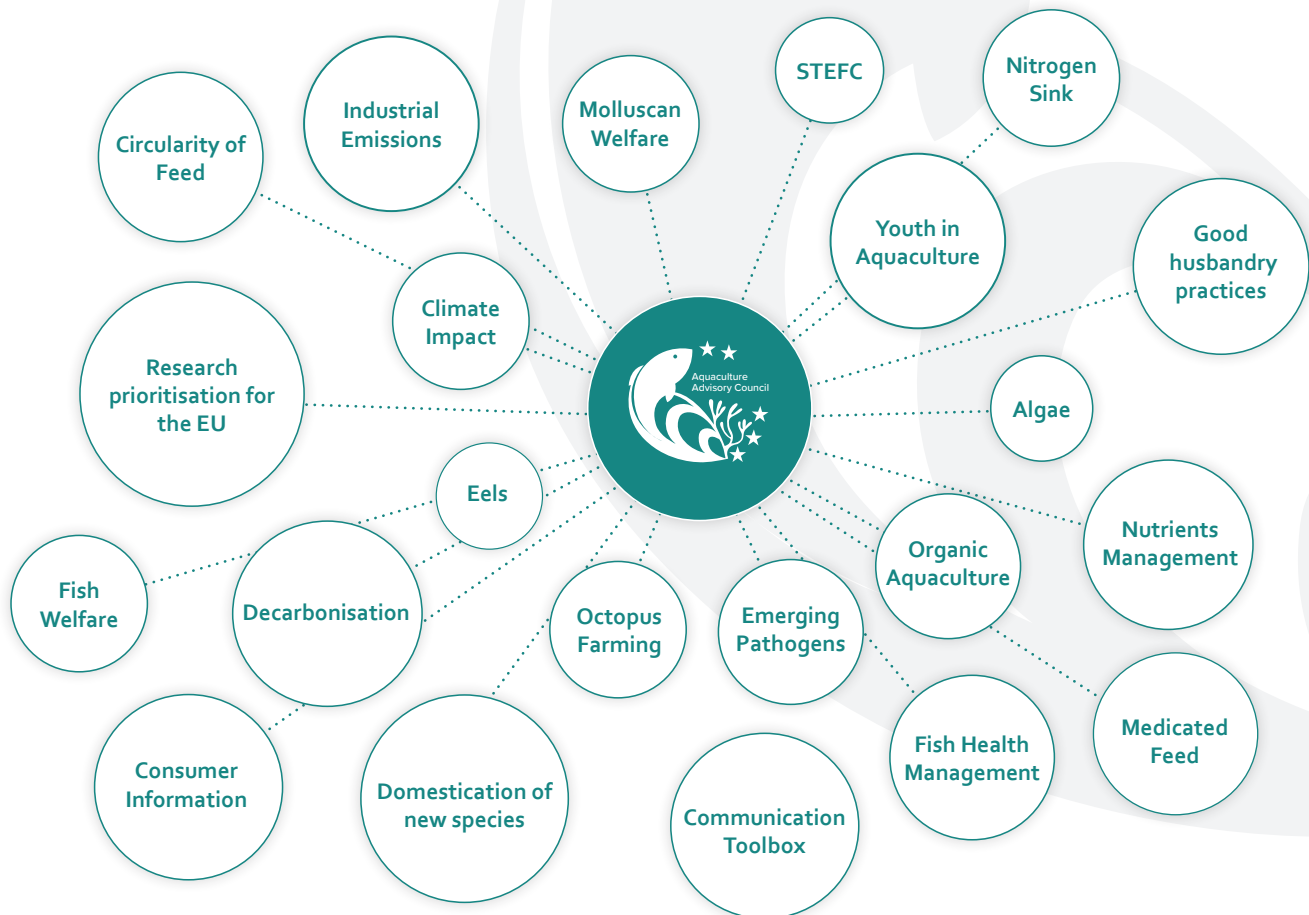
Over the years and with the introduction of virtual meetings, the number of AAC meetings has risen exponentially, especially for thematic focus groups meetings where future Recommendations are being drafted. The number of exchanges with the European Commission (EC) has also increased and consist in periodical bilateral meetings with the Aquaculture Directorate, invitation to expert groups and preliminary consultations.





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22 active Focus groups



Budget

As a body of EU interest, the AAC receives an European Commission Grant contributing to 82% of its annual budget, while membership fees and Member States contributions make for the remaining 18%. In 2022-2023, the AAC has received a total of 8 Member States 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.





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Our social media



X
(Twitter)

1 410
followers

3160
impressions on average
on our tweets



LinkedIn

2101
subscribers

4 290
impressions on average
on our publications

On October 23, 2023, the AAC organised a day in Brussels as part of our reflection on a recommendation on young professionals: 10 of them from 6 different Member States attended.



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