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## EXTRA-SMEs

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## EXTRA-SMEs

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IMPROVING POLICIES  
TO BOOST  
**SME COMPETITIVENESS  
& EXTRAVERSION**  
IN EU COASTAL & RURAL AREAS  
WHERE **AQUACULTURE** IS A  
DRIVER OF THE REGIONAL  
ECONOMY

## PROJECT INFO

- ✓ 9 project partners
- ✓ 7 countries
- ✓ 8 regions
- ✓ 8 action plans

## OBJECTIVES

- ✓ Increase competitiveness and extraversion of rural and coastal aquaculture SMEs
- ✓ Build capacities for internationalisation activities
- ✓ Modernize networks of aquaculture SMEs
- ✓ Simplify & harmonize administrative procedures

## AQUACULTURE SMEs

The project is focused on aquaculture SMEs and regional value chains with the aim of boosting innovation in production systems, supply channels and administrative processes. EXTRA-SMEs vision is to set the conditions for better access of EU aquaculture products to new and international markets

## PROJECT ACTIVITIES

EXTRA-SMEs is a 5-year project for peer learning, joint research and development of territorial plans on aquaculture

### Studies

- ✓ Comparative research on **regulatory frameworks** of aquaculture operations
- ✓ **Market**, products and processes research
- ✓ Mapping **drivers and obstacles** to international commerce

### Public dialogue & Policy learning

EXTRA-SMEs invests in synergies with all stakeholders, as well as in dissemination activities (EU & interregional workshops, infodays, site visits)

### Tools & resources

EXTRA-SMEs is developing a EU-wide repository of stakeholders to increase coordination capacities

### Action plans

Policy interventions and measures for the uptake of EXTRA-SMEs results in partners' regions.

## WHO BENEFITS?

Added value for stakeholders along the aquaculture value chain resulting from:

- ✓ Increasing aquaculture policy & managerial capacity through measures affecting supply and demand
- ✓ Increasing local/regional socio-environmental sustainability
- ✓ Greater market potential and optimized distribution networks as a result of implementing state of the art infrastructure supporting:
  - Inputs & services
  - Production
  - Transport & processing
  - Marketing

## Quick EU aquaculture facts

**EUR 4 BILLION VALUE INDUSTRY**  
**85000 WORKFORCE**  
**68% OF SEAFOOD IMPORTED**