

AQUA-LIT's Virtual Learning Lab

"How can the aquaculture sector contribute to reducing marine litter?"

February 14th, 2020, 10:00-14:00 CET.

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The AQUA-LIT Virtual Learning Lab is an **interactive workshop** that will assemble stakeholders from the aquaculture sector to exchange their insights and opinions about the issue of marine litter and discuss possible solutions.

The Learning Lab will be facilitated using a participatory method in order to **encourage knowledge sharing and co-creation** and to **develop a mutually valued and acceptable toolbox**, which could become exemplary and point out the path for other sectors.

The objectives of the Learning Lab are to:

- Federate and engage stakeholder communities in preventing, reducing, monitoring, quantifying, removing and recycling marine litter from aquaculture operations.
- Facilitate the adoption of successful existing solutions through capacity building.
- Explore the potential of innovative solutions to marine litter reduction, removal and recycling.
- Improve the understanding of the specific needs of stakeholders to maximise the impacts of the project.

Learning Lab expected outcomes

Participating stakeholders will co-design tools for preventing, reducing, monitoring, quantifying removing and recycling marine litter (e.g. polystyrene floats, plastic ropes, food sacks, buoys, etc.). They will make use of their experience, best practice, lessons learnt to share, assess and select the existing tools or design new ones.

10:00-10:15 Welcome + logistics

10:15-10:45 Plenary Session

- Introduction to AQUA-LIT
- State of play of non-organic litter from the aquaculture sector
- Objectives of the Learning Lab and expected outcomes

10:45-11:00 Division of groups and access to new link

11:00-13:15 Round tables

Interactive workshop where participants will work in groups to identify and assess solutions and methodologies from three perspectives:

11:00-11:45 Part 1 – Prevention and Reduction

How can the aquaculture industry be more effective in **preventing and reducing** its non-organic waste?

11:45-12:30 Part 2 – Monitoring and Quantification

How can the aquaculture sector be more effective in **monitoring and quantifying** its non-organic waste?

12:30-13:15 Part 3 – Removing and Recycling

How can the aquaculture sector be more effective in **removing and recycling** its non-organic waste?

13:15-14:00 Plenary Summary Session

- Presentation of results by 3 keynote speakers & rapporteurs
- Discussion & wrap-up
- Participant questionnaire

-14:00 Closing of the session



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