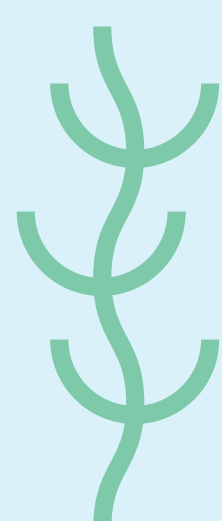




AQUA-LIT

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## STATE OF PLAY



Literature  
research



Aquaculture  
players



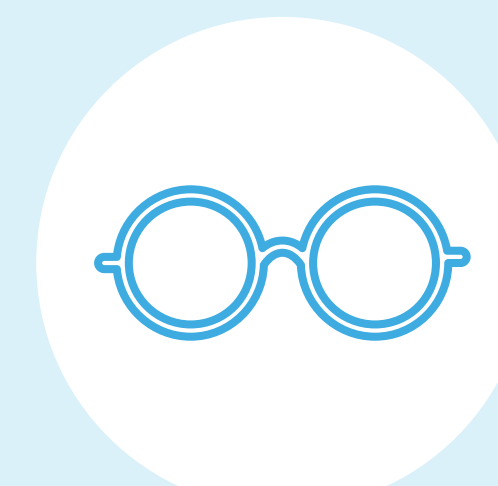
Existing tools

More specifically, **AQUA-LIT** was born out of a **desire for action on two major factors**: the staggering rapid increase of **marine litter in the Ocean**, and the **boost of the aquaculture** sector both at an EU level and worldwide. With the exponential expansion of the aquaculture sector we don't want an increase of marine debris.

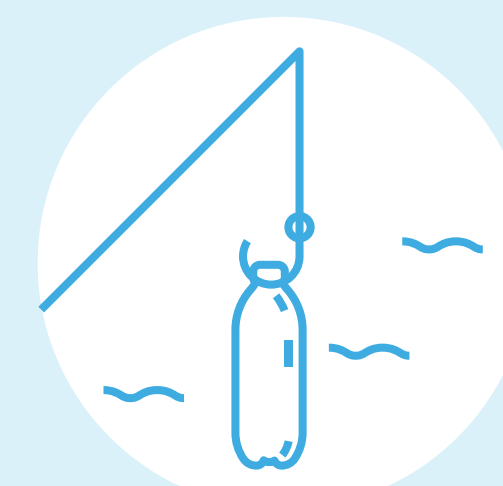
## A TIDE AGAINST MARINE LITTER TOOLBOX



Prevention &  
reduction

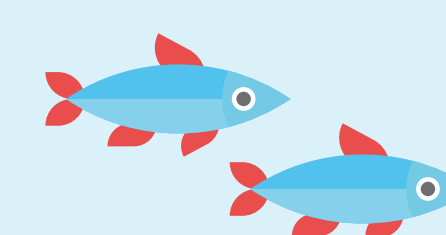


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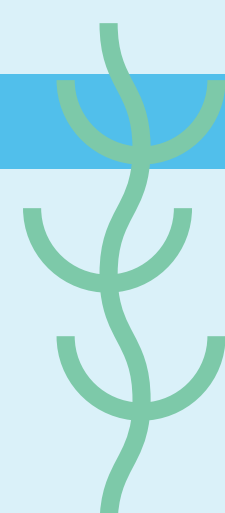


Removal &  
recycling

Thus, **AQUA-LIT** aims at providing the aquaculture sector with a sustainable **toolbox** of innovative ideas and methodologies to address the 3 main components to tackle marine littering: **prevention & reduction, monitoring & quantification, and removal & recycling.**



## LEARNING LABS



Mediterranean  
Sea



North Sea



Baltic Sea

To fulfill this mission, we will be working face-to-face with aquaculture farmers in three regional **Learning Labs**: in the **Mediterranean basin, the North Sea and the Baltic Sea regions**. In parallel, we will identify and cluster existing, upcoming and already implemented tools on marine littering, and we will further **develop a platform and an app** to provide the **'Tide against marine litter toolbox'**.

## SCALING UP THE TIDE

Lastly, we will **'scale up the tide'** through a 4-step process:



Policy for  
less litter

**1)** by developing the **'policy for less litter'** set of recommendations;



Founding a wave  
of solution

**2)** by compiling the **'funding a wave of solutions'**, the available funding opportunities for the sector to tackle marine litter



Transferability of  
AQUA-LIT tide

**3)** by creating a **transferability plan for outermost regions** which will scale-up the toolbox to other geographical sea basins; and



AQUA-LIT  
exploitation plan

**4)** the **'AQUA-LIT exploitation plan'** that will provide long-term sustainability of the toolbox after the project's life.

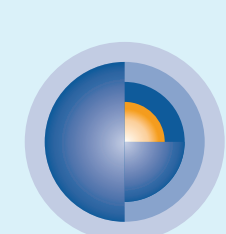
Through this, we expect to help all stakeholders from the aquaculture chain to increase the understanding, awareness and availability of solutions, so a potential **transformation of the aquaculture sector towards a less polluting sector can become possible.**

## CONTACT US



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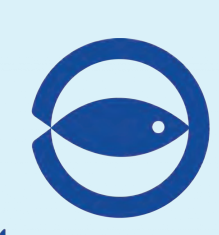
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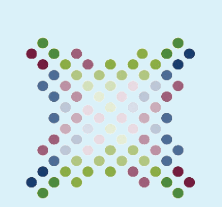
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