

The ARIEL project

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ARIEL aims to promote technological and non-technological solutions for innovation speed-up and up take in small-scale fisheries and aquaculture among scientists-policy-makers-entrepreneurs, acting as a knowledge network and taking into account in a single frame the complex ecological, economic and societal challenges.

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ARIEL BEST PRACTICES AND CLUSTERS' CATALOGUE



Promoting small scale fisheries and aquaculture transnational networking in Adriatic-Ionian macroregion

ARIEL ambitions towards a small-scale fisheries and aquaculture innovation

For smart growth, the ADRION Programme gives special attention to the promotion of innovation under the Blue Growth initiative that outlines important competitive advantages of the area. Thus, the Programme encourages partnerships in order to strengthen clusters, networks, economic sectors, value chains, and increase the interaction among stakeholders in the Partner States. To contribute to these goals and building on the Programme definition of “cluster”, ARIEL intends to promote the development of EUSAIR “quadruple helix” clusters in small-scale fisheries and aquaculture, addressing all stages of the innovation cycle to facilitate the generation and implementation of technological and non-technological solutions for effective sectoral needs.

To this, the ARIEL partnership worked to identify and collect across Europe those clusters that can serve as best practices for the setting-up of regional and transnational small-scale-fisheries and aquaculture clusters in the Adriatic-Ionian Region.

WHAT IS CLUSTER?

Clustering is a widely accepted, effective instrument for strengthening the competitiveness of enterprises and their ability to produce and market goods and services that will generate revenues in the domestic and international markets. This concept represents a new model of economic thinking, based on the close, long-term cooperation among the same or similar enterprises and institutions. Practically speaking, a cluster makes three or more similar enterprises, operating in the same area, dealing with the same or similar activities and facing the same or similar challenges. Clusters emerged from the growing need for good communication and association, in order to keep up with complex conditions on the market.

How do we actually make our business better through a cluster functioning?

By increasing productivity and innovation, clusters encourage the competitiveness of national industry in the international market, giving many opportunities and advantages and leading to significant improvements in business:

- Increased production, quality and employment
- Increased flexibility
- Easier share of knowledge
- Involvement in the adoption of legal solutions
- New or enhanced export options
- Entrance to the new markets and better performance,
- Joint organization of new distribution paths for the products,
- Organized joint purchases and gained better negotiating position
- Modernization of business through the introduction of new technological and non-technological innovative solutions

Clusters and funding opportunities

Cluster development is also significant from the perspective of the available resources to finance its own business. There are numerous funding sources available to clusters all over the Europe, even for those from developing or non-EU countries (Horizon 2020, COSME support programs, The European Regional Development and Social Fund (ERDF), European Bank for Reconstruction and Development (EBRD), European Investment Bank (EIB), UNIDO, Instrument for Pre-Accession Assistance – IPA, Enterprise and Innovation Fund in the Western Balkans (WB-EDIF) etc.). If there is a creative idea, good plan to implement it and readiness to work, there are numerous financing sources and ways to support clusters.

WHAT IS A BEST PRACTICE?

The concept of best practices, in general, represents methods or techniques that have consistently shown results superior to those achieved with other means in a given situation and that could be adapted for other situations. This must be shown to work effectively and produce successful outcomes by the evidence provided by subjective and objective data sources. In terms of clustering, many various best practices in clusters all over the Europe are presented in this Catalogue.

The ARIEL Clusters & Best Practices Catalogue includes inspirational case studies of:





Cluster of producers of olive oil, Montenegro

Olive tree growing has existed as a tradition in Montenegro for centuries and the region boasts some of the finest and most ancient species of olive. Since 2006, the Olive Oil Associations of Bar and Ulcinj have provided valuable assistance in connecting over 1700 olive growers with the 12 mills that operate within the region. The associations are committed to supporting individual producers and in aligning Montenegrin olive oil with European production and business standards.

They provide high quality services to their members through training, conferences, panels, events and, in conjunction with the Ministry of Agriculture of Montenegro, aid producers' participation in international business fairs.



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For the first time in the centuries long history of Montenegrin olive growing, the age of 50 olive trees in Bar and Ulcinj was determined by the representatives of the Wood Anatomy and Tree Ring Research Laboratory of the Faculty of Forestry from Turkey, and a tourist map of these olives is planned to be developed. The results revealed the beloved Old Olive Tree in Mirovica approximately 2240 years old. Another tree, in Mrkojevici near Bar, was shown to be more than 2000 years old. It was an initial step towards joint branding of products in order to create a common branded olive oil called "OLDIVA" that will be produced exclusively from old olive trees, of age between 1000 and 2000 years. The brand „42°N 19°E“ has also been created.

Cluster contacts

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Cluster of wine producers, Montenegro

Since 2007, the Association of Growers and Winemakers of Montenegro has provided valuable assistance to local winemakers. Today, over 200 grape growers and 50 wine producers offer their grapes and wines to the markets through the Association. The Association is committed to ensuring the high standard and quality of the products and services offered by the member wineries and to aligning Montenegrin wines with European and international standards. Cluster of wine producers independently organizes numerous gatherings and promotions of wines, sales events at the local and regional level, joint procurements and other activities.



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The Brand "Delicious Montenegro", Montenegro

The key brand "Delicious Montenegro" was created through mentioned UNIDO project, a kind of "export basket" of products characterized by quality for the international market - olive oil, wine, prosciutto, trout, honey, cheese and mushrooms.



Cluster contacts

Croatian Competitiveness Cluster for food processing sector, Croatia

The cluster represents a networking and cooperation platform for different business subjects aiming to improve food processing sector competitiveness in the Republic of Croatia. It is established in January 2013 in Zagreb, comprised of recognised business subjects and public, private and business institutions, scientific and research community stakeholders and professional and business associations.

Some of their main activities are: networking of the public and private sectors, and scientific research institutes, strengthening competitiveness and creating a new added value, attracting local and foreign investment into the Food Processing Industry, lobbying at the national and EU level, Human Resources development, branding and promotion etc.



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The overall goal, set within the Food Processing Sector, is to contribute to the fulfilment of the vision and to promote the economic growth and competitiveness within the Food Processing Sector through research, technological development and the implementation of innovation and new technology, as well as to increase the inflow of investment. This ambitious goal is achieved through:

- Improving of the business environment and strengthening of competitiveness within the Food Processing Sector
- Improving and achieving diversification of the production through research, technological development, implementation of innovation and KETs
- Improving development of human capital through knowledge, skills and competences promotion
- Branding by means of the implementation of an innovative design and promotion activities, as well as of the detecting of priority indicators/quality standards

Cluster contacts

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Clust-ER Agrifood, Italy

The Agrifood Clust-ER is an association of public and private subjects: companies, research centres, training institutions that share skills, ideas and resources to support the competitiveness of the sector. The Emilia-Romagna Region has identified in the Clust-ERs the subjects able to multiply the opportunities for innovation through a collaborative approach in strategic sectors for the regional development and innovation. Together with the Technopoles and the High Technology Network laboratories, they are one of the key players in the regional innovation ecosystem coordinated by ASTER, the Emilia-Romagna consortium for innovation and technology transfer.



AGRI-FOOD CLUSTERS

The Agrifood Clust-ER focuses its action on 3 strategic lines of research and innovation enabled through 3 working groups, or Value Chains, representative of the Emilia-Romagna agrifood system:

- Sustainable & Precision Farming to strengthen the economic and environmental sustainability of regional productions
- Quality, safety and traceability in processes, products and nutrition to promote food safety, the quality of food and feed and the sector's attractiveness
- Valorisation of agrifood by-products and waste to improve the sustainability – both economic and environmental – of the food production processes

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Food products quality cluster, Latvia

The goal of the Food products quality cluster is to develop co-operation of non-interconnected entrepreneurs, research, education and other institutions, thus furthering competitiveness of industries and entrepreneurs, growth of export volumes as well as innovations and development of new products.

The Cluster has 53 members and works on improving quality of food products and furthering consumption of highest quality foods, furthering public awareness of the cluster and its employees, marketing activities, increasing efficiency and competitiveness of delivery chains on both local and export markets, as well as on cooperation with institutions of education and science.



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There are many significant accomplishments of this cluster. They have organised 326 business meetings with foreign companies for 28 Latvian food producers, organised Latvian food producer group visits to 15 countries (which as a result has more than 50 food product deliveries made to export markets), carried out research on improving food product packaging and on extending the food product expiration date (this way, some new products have been introduced), and developed the National Quality guidelines to support the production of quality products

Cluster contacts

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foodRegio - The North German Food Processing Industry Network. Germany

foodRegio started in 2005 as an informal association of 14 food industry companies in the Lübeck region. In 2015, the state of Schleswig-Holstein commissions foodRegio with establishing and providing support to the state-wide food cluster, with 63 members from the food supply chain in all five North German states. foodRegio currently has 78 active member companies and institutions.

The main goals of foodRegio are:

- To strengthen the competitiveness of the foodRegio companies
- To promote profitable, sustainable corporate growth in foodRegio
- To establish foodRegio as an important and attractive location at the national and international level
- To take advantage of all available resources to strengthen foodRegio and assure its future.

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At this moment, their activities are planned, coordinated and carried out by eight working groups:

1. Procurement
2. Logistics
3. Market & Communication
4. Human Resources - General
5. Human Resources - Training
6. Processes & Innovation
7. Quality & Certification
8. Packaging

This cluster organizes some open events, such as forums on practical topics, training courses/seminars/workshops etc.

Cluster contacts

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Cluster of freshwater fish producers, Montenegro

Fishponds owners from cluster of freshwater fish producers have formed a national association which has been joined by fish farms from all over Montenegro, in order to change the existing way of VAT calculation for fresh fish and respect the interests of small producers. In the municipalities of Bijelo Polje, Bar and Andrijevica, there are several fish ponds that are also putting Montenegro on the map for freshwater fish production.

They produce high quality brown and rainbow trout on the slopes of the Mountain Bjelasica, at the heart of 'Biogradska gora' national park.

The area is characterized by preserved nature and attractive tourist locations. Basins are nurtured with water from the river Lim and its arms/off springs, which has one of the highest water qualities in Montenegro.



BLUE GROWTH CLUSTERS

Together with the cluster of producers of olive oil and cluster of wine producers, this cluster was created through the project "Strengthening the competitiveness of small and medium enterprises in Montenegro through cluster development", funded by the EU, co-financed and implemented by UNIDO in partnership with UNDP.



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Croatian Cluster of Mariculture, Croatia

Based on the project of Croatian Export Offensive (HIO) for 2008 - Cluster Development on the Top-Down principle, on 12 November 2008, KLAS TER MARIKULTURA was established in Split.

The work of the cluster takes place intensively through 3 groups:

1. Tuna Aquaculture Group, President Kristijan Zanki, Sardina d.o.o. Postira
2. White Fish Farmers Group, President Dragan Pezelj, Friškina d.o.o. Split
3. Group of Shellfish Producers, President Antun Pavlović, Ston Shellfish Association

The cluster and membership of all three clusters are symbolically represented by a logotype in which a closed area of the whitefish fish net is presented, and stylized tail tuna and stylized shell of mussels represent the other two primary branches in Croatian mariculture.



BLUE GROWTH CLUSTERS

By now, significant results have been achieved on the well-being of Croatian mariculture, and all members of the Cluster are particularly satisfied, by both groupings and individual.

The cluster is currently gathering 80 legal entities and this community has more than 800 employees.



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Fisheries and Blue Growth District, Italy

The District started from the province of Trapani, where the Mazara del Vallo seafaring covered over 60% of the total volume, counting on the most important fishing port in Italy and on 30,000 tons of fish every year. Today the District represents the entire Sicilian fisheries sector. The District associates Public and Research Bodies, Trade Associations and Consortia of Producers. More than 130 companies in the supply chain belong to the District, from shipbuilding to fishing and processing of fish. 350 vessels, 4 shipyards, 10 fish processing industries and 36 satellite companies make Mazara an excellent location in the maritime sector, in a region dedicated to tradition coastal, such as Sicily.

The District offers companies in the supply chain services to support management, organizational and commercial choices, allowing a new growth path, in harmony with environmental and human needs.



BLUE GROWTH CLUSTERS

Thanks to the role of the Mediterranean Fisheries Observatory, the District has placed at the center of its work the Blue Economy method, introduced since 2007, constituting a new Sicilian fishing route. Thanks to this vision, which emphasizes the central role of the sea in the sustainable economic, environmental and social processes of the Mediterranean, the District has become one of the main protagonists of the Blue Economy, favoured today by the Community and world maritime policies: this is the reason why the District of the Fisheries has widened its wording to "District of the Fishing and Blue Growth", constituting an operative point of reference for all the operators, the companies and institutions, research institutes and the fishing chains of the riparian countries.

Cluster contacts

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MÉDITERRANÉE

Pôle Mer Méditerranée, France

Created in 2005, Pôle Mer Méditerranée is a business and innovation world-class sea cluster located in South of France, with a total of 422 members. It aims to promote sustainable development of the maritime and coastal economy, in the Mediterranean, Europe and the rest of the world. In Region SUD Provence-Alpes-Côte d'Azur, Occitanie and Corsica, the Pôle brings scientific and economic operators together regarding marine and coastal issues with high societal and environmental impact. In its opening strategy, the Pôle Mer invites the French overseas territories to find again in the Mediterranean Region an exceptional experimentation field to handle their marine concerns.



BLUE GROWTH CLUSTERS

The Pôle Mer Méditerranée is structured around 6 Strategic Business Areas which are themselves laid out in Market Oriented Programs shared with the Pôle Mer Bretagne Atlantique, in markets with high potential: Maritime safety and security, Naval and yachting, Marine mining and energy resources, Marine biological resources, Marine environment and coastal planning, and Harbours, Infrastructure and shipping.

It has one aim – to contribute to the consolidation, construction and vitality of associated activities:

- Naval (construction, maintenance, decommissioning)
- Underwater activities (robotics/offshore)
- Offshore floating wind turbine
- Ecological marine engineering and sustainable coastal development (ports)
- Blue biotechnology (health, biofuels and cosmetics)

Cluster contacts

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AQUIMER, France

AQUIMER is founded in 1999 and designated as a national Competitiveness Cluster in 2005 by the French government.

The aim of the AQUIMER competitiveness cluster is to reconcile the depletion of seafood resources and the increase in food demand with the imperatives of sustainable development.

Its goal is to increase the competitiveness of companies while at the same time meeting their requirements, helping them develop and sustain their activities through R&D and technological improvements.



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Missions of this cluster are:

- to gather the needs of businesses in the field of aquatic products or to provide assistance in identifying them
- to define research priorities at the national level and to call upon the skills of scientists and training centres in order to produce concrete results,
- to provide an accompaniment in the development of collaborative Research and Development projects, to provide a link with suitable contacts (businesses, scientific organisations, technical and training centres), technical and administrative support in the preparation of projects (funding applications, consortium agreements, communication of results)
- information, sensitisation, communication: access to shared technological tools and at the Pole's Watch Centre (online database, question/answer service...).

Cluster contacts

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Maritime-Marine Cluster of Andalusia, Spain

The first Maritime-Marine Cluster of Andalusia (CMMA) is composed of innovative companies with a high technological quantification of different subsectors such as: fishing, aquaculture, shipbuilding, maritime transport, recreational boating, maritime research and training, ports and port activities, auxiliary and maritime extraction industries, maritime tourism, underwater archeology, etc.

The objective of this Cluster is the promotion and development of the Andalusian maritime sector, to achieve greater competitiveness of the entire sector and in general defence of its interests, as well as the creation and development of an adequate legal framework for the development of said industry in Andalusia, Spain and the rest of the world.



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This cluster is working on:

- Cooperation (projects R + D + i) – promoting cooperation, innovation and entrepreneurial capacity in order to enhance, stimulate and promote the business and the transfer of knowledge
- Internationalization – promoting the industry of the Andalusian maritime sector in Spain and abroad, especially in fairs, congresses and events of the international sector
- Specialized training – increasing the coordination and permanent improvement of the training of professionals in the sector as basic principles of society, as well as facilitate their labour integration in society
- Demand and promotion of the sector – promoting, facilitating and intensifying communication among the members of the association, as well as between different segments of activity that make up the Andalusian maritime-marine sector,
- Search for public tenders – helping companies find tenders that suit their sector
- Promotion and communication.

Cluster contacts

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The Maritime Cluster of the Canary Islands, Spain

The Maritime Cluster of the Canary Islands is a non-profit association with a regional scope whose main objective is to promote the development and international competitiveness of the Maritime Sector of the Canary Islands, in turn raising the business, economic and social fabric of the Canary Islands. This is done through the integration, creation, strengthening and sustainability of the companies and institutions that are within the value chain of the maritime marine sector, promoting its international presence and raising the technological and innovative standards of all the agents involved, aligned with policy development and social demands. The strategy to achieve this goal is based on values such as cooperation, commitment, communication and competitiveness. The essence of this clusters functioning is fusion of two concepts, marine (exploitation activities of marine resources) and maritime (the sea as a means in which the activity is done), to take advantage of related synergies.



BLUE GROWTH CLUSTERS

The Maritime Cluster of the Canary Islands is constituted as a place of meeting and dialogue between all the agents related to the sea. Most of its activities are in the areas of strengthening of the marine-maritime sector, technology and innovation, internationalization, competitiveness and sustainability, communication and dissemination, specialized training and business consulting. This cluster is divided into several different marine and maritime sub-sectors, which are all connected and intertwined:

- Fisheries and aquaculture as a primary sector
- Naval repair, Desalination, Marine biotechnology and Ocean energy as a secondary sector
- Marine renewable energy, Marine transport, Infrastructure and port services, and nautical sports and leisure as a tertiary sector.

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The Aquaculture Cluster – Galicia, Spain

The Aquaculture Cluster in Galicia became the part of the brand Clusters de Galicia, together with 9 other clusters, with the support of the IGAPE (Galician Regional Development Agency), via the Atclusters Galicia project. The objective of this cluster is to contribute to the competitive advantage of firms in the sector based on cooperation between its associates and the promotion of business innovation culture.

Its associates, with facilities throughout Europe, represent 85% of the European production of flatfish, turbot and sole. The Galician fish industry exports over 65% of its production to international markets. Galicia is a technological leader in the production of flatfish and this is reflected in the fact that 95% of turbot and sole produced in Spain comes from Galicia.



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The CETGA (Galician Aquaculture Technological Centre), which depends on the Cluster, researches and develops high impact critical technology and scientific projects on which part of the sustainable development of the Galician aquaculture sector is based.

It also finances projects and services in the strategic management, training and advisory areas regarding new business lines in the Galician aquaculture sector.

The operating model of the Aquaculture Cluster in Galicia has served as inspiration for the creation of other clusters and similar networks in Spain and Europe.

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Norwegian Centres of Expertise
NCE Seafood
Innovation Cluster

NCE Seafood Innovation Cluster,
Norway

The Seafood Innovation Cluster AS obtained NCE status in 2015 and has developed into the most complete and mature cluster in the seafood industry with 90 partners representing 15.000 highly skilled employees. The cluster is located at Marineholmen in Bergen, Norway. Norwegian Innovation Clusters is a government supported cluster program. The program aims to trigger and enhance collaborative development activities in clusters. The goal is to increase the cluster dynamics and attractiveness, the individual company's innovativeness and competitiveness. The program is organized by Innovation Norway, and supported by SIVA (The Industrial Development Corporation of Norway) and the Norwegian Research Council. A NCE is a mature clusters with a national position: The NCE-programme is directed towards dynamic industry clusters that have established systematic collaboration and have potential for growth in national and international markets.



BLUE GROWTH CLUSTERS

This cluster is active in terms of innovations, knowledge and entrepreneurship. Their team goal is to improve partner's environmental performance in the entire seafood value chain, to ensure better coordination and dissemination of R & D initiatives and to strengthen collaboration within the cluster and between cluster actors and external partners. In order to achieve those goals, The Seafood Innovation Cluster establishes collaboration projects between companies and R&D, initiates common innovation projects, works on promotion, seminars and workshops, gives legal assistance for start-ups and expands international partnerships network. It also implements talent and leadership development programs, various education and training programs, competence projects etc.

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Marine South East, United Kingdom

Marine South East has been trading since 2005 as a not-for-profit marine sector organisation interacting with more than 2000 businesses across the marine and maritime sectors. In the past Marine South East has been particularly focused on the South East of England but it is now working actively with other strong UK maritime regions as well as in extensively as Europe and further afield. Marine South East has built up a strong operational network of links with key maritime regional clusters in Europe and continues to expand this network. It has developed an extensive communications infrastructure through which over 2000+ marine businesses and support organisations can be engaged and consulted.



BLUE GROWTH CLUSTERS

Marine South East is at the forefront of building and nurturing new business-to-business collaborations and consortiums to facilitate research, innovation, company expansion and economic growth for the sector, in order to identify shared priorities where a collaboration could bring economies of scale or expanded opportunities for business, and to share best practice and innovative ideas.

In particular, Marine South East has for some time been building informal links with maritime clusters both in the UK and overseas.

Cluster contacts

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European Technology and Innovation Platform (E.A.T.I.P.), Europe

EATIP is an international non-profit association dedicated to developing, supporting and promoting aquaculture and, especially and specifically, technology and innovation in aquaculture in Europe so as to:

- Establish a strong relationship between aquaculture and the consumer
- Assure a sustainable aquaculture industry
- Consolidate the role of aquaculture in society.

E.A.T.I.P. has been involved in several European Projects that aim to improve consultation and direction for development in the field of aquaculture, such as AquaExcel 2020, E-fishNet, Eurastip, Aquamed and Aquainnova.



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E.A.T.I.P. has been designed to include all members of the European aquaculture value chain, from suppliers through producers to processors within the profession, accompanied by leading research institutions, universities, NGO's and key representative organizations.

E.A.T.I.P.'s vision focuses on 8 thematic pillars:

1. Product quality, consumer safety and health
2. Technology and systems
3. Managing the biological life cycle
4. Sustainable feed production
5. Integration with the environment
6. Knowledge management
7. Aquatic animal health and welfare
8. Socio-economics, management & Governance

Platform contacts

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iHellenic Technology Platform for Aquaculture, Greece

The Hellenic Technology Platform for Aquaculture (HE.TE.P.A) is an industry led initiative within the context of the European Technology Platforms aiming to become a key player in driving innovation, knowledge transfer and competitiveness to the aquaculture industry in Greece. HE.TE.P.A. is not stated as a cluster in its statute, but it is a non-profit technology platform set up in Greece with its overall purpose being to support the sustainable development of the sector.

HE.TE.P.A. currently consists of 83 members, most of which are:

- Mariculturers
- Ichthyologists
- Biologists
- Consultants
- Researchers
- University Professors
- Fish feed producers



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Indicative actions of HE.TE.P.A.:

- “Activate” associations, businesses, public authorities etc.
- Participation in aquaculture development actions in topics such as breeding, sustainable fishfeed, fish pathology, new technologies, processing of fish and by-products
- Organization of scientific professional, technocratic, business and research workshops, seminars, events and meetings involving the entities, individuals and institutions of the aquaculture sector.
- Identify actions and strategies for applications to improve competitiveness and sustainable development.
- Continuous promotion of innovation, research and application of new technologies
- Dissemination of knowledge to create efficient and environmentally friendly production units
- Promote cluster establishment for aquaculture and related industries

Platform contacts

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European Cluster Collaboration Platform

The European Cluster Collaboration Platform is an open Community funded by the EU Programme "COSME". The ECCP is a service facility aiming to provide cluster organisations with modern tools

These tools allow to:

- make efficient use of networking instruments (search/find potential partners and opportunities)
- develop collaboration trans-nationally (within Europe) and internationally (beyond Europe)
- support the emergence of new value chains through cross-sectorial cooperation
- access the latest quality information on cluster development
- improve their performance and increase their – as well as their members' – competitiveness

The ECCP addresses primarily the needs of cluster managements, but its rich content is useful for both the SME cluster members and for the cluster policy makers at regional, national or international level.



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The services include:

- a dynamic mapping of more than 900 profiled cluster organisations worldwide
- the largest information hub for clusters offering latest news/events/open calls to a broad community
- matchmaking events supporting the development of cooperation between clusters in Europe and beyond
- a unique database on regional, national, international and sectoral cluster networks detailed information on the European Strategic Cluster Partnerships
- a partner search facility, where cluster organisations can exchange their offers and demands
- dedicated pages supporting international cooperation a unique database of profiled cluster-related projects developed under various European programmes.
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