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# Review Strategic Guidelines for EU aquaculture

fresh,  
local,  
healthy



**Placing aquaculture in  
the context of broad  
policy challenges**

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# EU aquaculture policy

Exchange of best practices (OMC)

**Consolidation**

EU Guidelines

**Review 2020**

National Strategic Plans

**Review 2020**

EMFF

**Operational Programmes 2021-2027**

# Political context

## *European Green Deal*

- *“sustainable seafood as a source of low-carbon food”*
- *“identify new innovative food and feed products, such as seafood based on algae”*

## *Farm to Fork*

- *“Farmed fish and seafood generate a lower carbon footprint than animal production on land”*
- *“algae should become an important source of alternative protein for a sustainable food system and global food security”*

# Farm to Fork Strategy

**General Framework-** *legislative framework for sustainable food systems (2023)/sustainable food labelling framework*

## ***Particularly relevant for aquaculture:***

- **Targets:** Reduction of use of antimicrobials, significant increase in organic aquaculture
- **Review of legislation:** Review of marketing standards, Review of Animal welfare legislation
- **Research and innovation:** Green Deal call, Horizon Europe

# Key objectives of the review

**Growth, sustainability,  
resilience and  
competitiveness**

**Consolidate  
lessons  
learnt**

**Aquaculture  
meets  
societal  
demands**

**Maximise  
impact on  
performance**

**Green  
recovery**

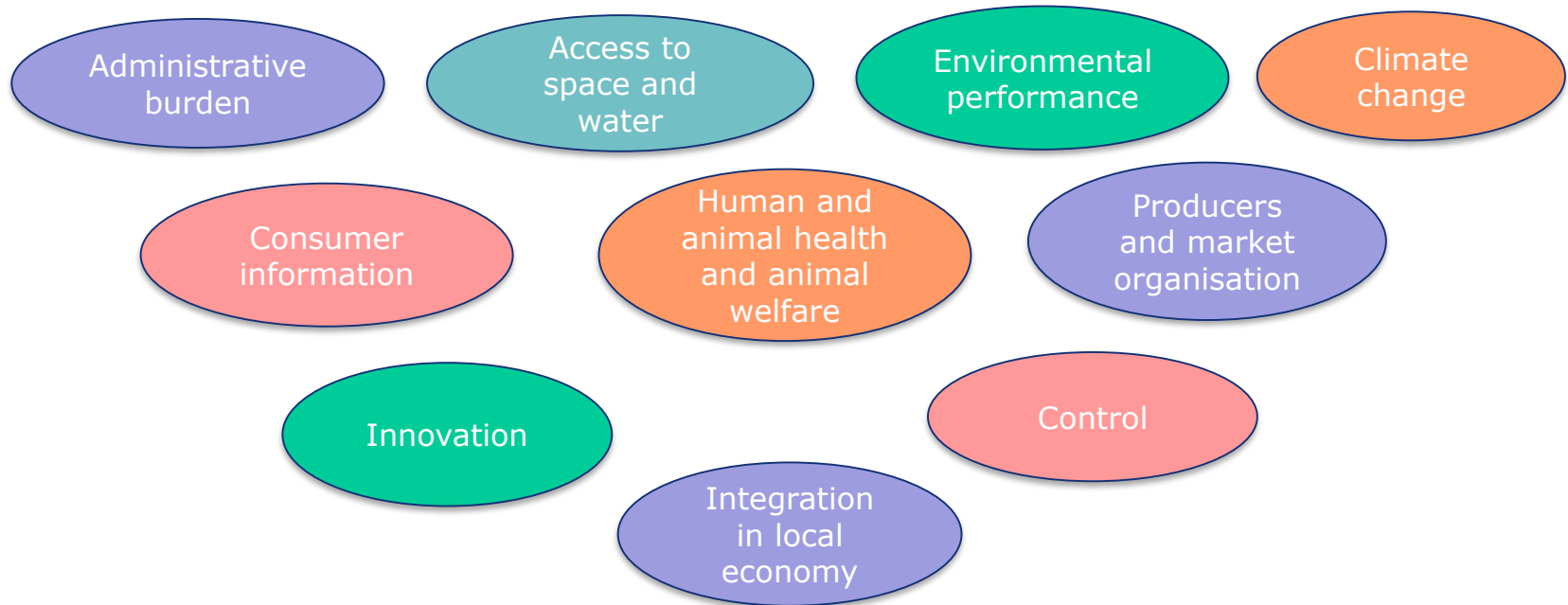
# Process towards the adoption of a new Strategy

- *Inter-service group*
- *Consultations MS experts and AAC (June)*
- ***Public consultation*** (until 27 October)
- *Adoption- possibly before end of 2020*

# Structure of the Guidelines

- ***Introduction*** (*vision*)
- ***Guidelines per area***
- ***Specific Guidelines*** for shellfish sector and inland aquaculture
- ***Recommended actions***

# Issues to be addressed under the new Strategy



# Health and animal welfare

## Challenges:

- *Disease management (non-listed diseases, investigation, norovirus)*
- *Veterinary medicines*
- *Research and innovation*
- *Good practices on fish welfare*

## Recommended action:

- *Mapping of good husbandry practices*
- *Development of a code of good practice on fish welfare*
- *Support and promote research and innovation*

# Consumer information

## ***Improving communication on EU aquaculture to the citizen/consumer***

***Mix of tools:*** information based on science, early involvement of stakeholders, communication campaigns, ...

### **Recommended actions**

- Study on impacts of EU aquaculture
- Review of marketing standards
- Stakeholders' event
- EU-wide Communication campaign

# **Environmental performance**

## **Key principles**

***Limiting negative impact***

***Promoting low-impact aquaculture***

***Increasing positive impact: promoting environmental services***

# **Environmental performance**

## **Recommended actions**

***Guidance document on environmental performance (good practices, indicators, monitoring (COM)***

*Dissemination of Guidance document (MS and AAC).*

*Full integration of environmental aspects in planning and licensing (MS)*

*COM/MS : support more environmentally performant aquaculture*

# Inland aquaculture

## *Specific challenges:*

- *Predators*
- *Data*
- *Valorization of ecosystem services*
- *Commercialisation*
- *Diversification*
- *Environmental concerns*
- *Access to water*
- *RAS*

# Inland aquaculture

*Support to the freshwater and RAS aquaculture sector should be reinforced.*

- *Innovation*
- *Support to investment*
- *Promotion and marketing*
- *Data collection*
- *Organisation of producers*

# What's next?

## ***Assistance mechanism***

- *Guidance and technical support*
- *On-line platform*
- ***Stakeholders' event***
- ***Communication campaign***

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