

AQUATT IN FP7

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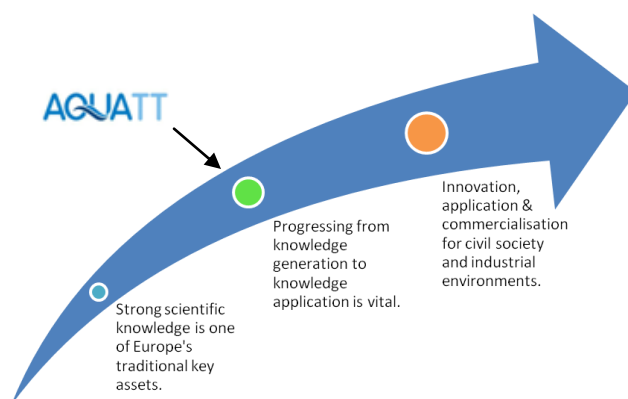
HOW WE CAN HELP

An important Communication from the Commission, *Improving knowledge transfer between research institutions and industry across Europe: embracing open innovation*, said:

“In its broad-based innovation strategy for the EU, the importance of improving knowledge transfer between public research institutions and third parties, including industry and civil society organisations was identified by the Commission as one of ten key areas for action” (COM (2007) 182 final).

Tomorrow’s fisheries and aquaculture industry relies on today’s leading researchers. For more than 18 years, AquaTT, an Irish non-profit enterprise based in Dublin, has been a key partner in projects financed by the EU, functioning as a specialist in scientific knowledge management activities.

AquaTT is committed to bridging the gap between principal investigators, industry leaders, and decision makers. It is right now the facilitator of the knowl-



edge management thematic area of the European Aquaculture Technology and Innovation Platform (EATiP).

Seventh Framework Programme (FP7) research projects in particular are evaluated on three equally-valued criteria: scientific excellence, implementation plan attributes, and potential impact.

Therefore, bringing together a scientifically outstanding partnership is no longer enough. Winning proposals must be well written with concrete actions and key performance indicators.

AquaTT can support aquaculture and fisheries consortia to build project proposals. We can organise

management meetings, flesh out project designs, set up web-based collaborative workspaces, and supply work package templates. We can provide customised contributions to the implementation and impact sections of your application.

When your project is funded AquaTT will ensure that the proposed impacts are achieved, and that research outputs are effectively and efficiently communicated to target audiences.

While we focus on this responsibility, it enables you, the principal researchers, to focus on R&D activities.

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SPECIAL POINTS OF INTEREST:

- Knowledge management
- Project management
- Communication
- Dissemination
- Knowledge transfer
- Reliable impact

WHAT THE EVALUATORS SAY...

“THE PROJECT HAS THE POTENTIAL TO HAVE CONSIDERABLE IMPACT, CONTRIBUTING TO THE OBJECTIVES OF THE 2009 WORK PROGRAMME AND THE EU POLICIES IN THE FIELD OF RESEARCH, INNOVATION AND THE ENVIRONMENT WITH REGARDS TO IMPROVED KNOWLEDGE MANAGEMENT, KNOWLEDGE TRANSFER, VISIBILITY AND EXPLOITATION OF EU RESEARCH RESULTS.”

**MARINETT,
FP7-ENV-2009-1**

“AQUATT SHOULD PROVIDE AN EXCELLENT VEHICLE FOR DISSEMINATING KNOWLEDGE TO STAKEHOLDERS AS WELL AS THE END-USERS.”

**AQUAMED,
FP7-KBBE-2009-3**

OUR STORY & OUR TEAM

AquaTT was founded in 1992 under the EU COMETT programme as the University Enterprise Training Partnership (UETP) for the European aquaculture industry, arising from a clear need to coordinate the training requirements of the industry through a single body.

Company operations today are led by a senior management team, and supported by an experienced staff of programme managers and project officers. AquaTT is

participating in FP7 contracts valued at more than €15 M, and €2 M to Ireland, which is why our management and support staff team has grown 50% in the last year alone so that our commitments can be fulfilled.

The company is governed by our Board of Directors, with four Irish directors and three European directors. A representative from the Federation of European Aquaculture Producers (FEAP) also has a non-voting position.

AquaTT traditionally worked in the areas of mobility, short vocational training courses, and the development of early-stage researchers.

As Europe has set out strategies to align innovation and knowledge with economic growth, AquaTT is now the administrator for the thematic network for aquaculture and fisheries, AQUA-TNET; a selection of our other project contracts are set out below.

EXAMPLES OF OUR PROJECT PARTICIPATION

MARINE TT

European Marine Research Knowledge Transfer and Uptake of Results; AquaTT is the project coordinator responsible for project management, R&D assessment, and knowledge transfer; *Environment (incl. Climate Change); Coordination and Support actions (supporting).*

AQUAMED

Developing a strategy for aquaculture research in the Mediterranean; AquaTT is responsible for coordination of international stakeholder



events; *KBBE; Coordination and Support actions (coordinating).*

AQUAINNOVA

Supporting governance and multi-stakeholder participation in aquaculture research and innovation; AquaTT is responsible for putting in place collaborative processes

and methodologies, and knowledge transfer; *KBBE; Small or medium-scale focused research project.*

COEXIST

Interaction in coastal waters: A roadmap to sustainable integration of aquaculture and fisheries; AquaTT is responsible for project Management, internal communication, external dissemination and knowledge transfer; *KBBE; Small or medium-scale focused research project.*

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