

INTRODUCTION

The Irish Aquaculture Technology and Innovation Platform is an active, multi-stakeholder platform that facilitates the exchange of information, supports knowledge transfer and stimulates collective action within the Irish aquaculture sector. It is intended that the platform will facilitate sustainable development, assure conditions for growth and promote innovation within the industry.



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IRELAND'S MIRROR PLATFORM

IATiP acts as the Irish 'Mirror Platform' of the European Aquaculture Technology and Innovation Platform (EATiP; www.eatip.eu)



What is the European Aquaculture Technology and Innovation Platform?

The EATiP is an industry-led stakeholder forum recognised by the European Commission as a key actor in driving innovation, knowledge transfer and European competitiveness. It was set up in 2007 as an international non-profit association, dedicated to developing, supporting and promoting aquaculture, particularly technology and innovation in the sector in Europe to:

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

EATIP is one of the 38 European Technology Platforms, which are industry-led stakeholder platforms recognised by the European Commission as key actors in driving innovation, knowledge transfer and European competitiveness (see www.ec.europa.eu/etp).

In 2012, **EATIP** published a 2030 Vision document and a Strategic Research and Innovation Agenda (SRIA) which was subsequently updated in 2017. These documents set out the targets for the European sector.

The European aquaculture industry's vision is to provide 4.5 million tons of sustainable food products, worth € 14 billion annually and supporting more than 150,000 direct jobs, by the year 2030. It will be a dynamic activity in coastal and inland economies, supplying significant amounts of high quality and nutritious food to the consumer and diversifying to provide a range of new products and integrated services.

Aquaculture production will grow and diversify in Europe, following consumer and market demands, adapting to climatic and geographic circumstances, in harmony with nature and society.

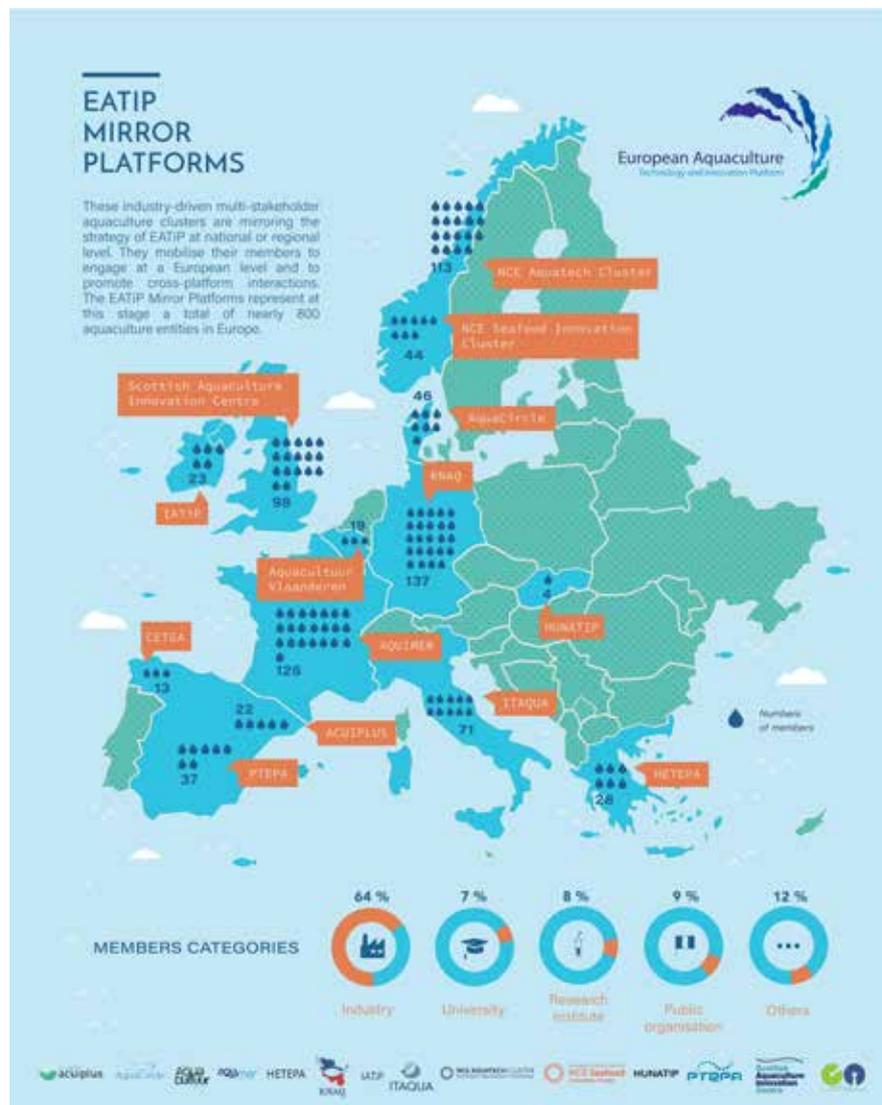
This will be achieved by enhancing husbandry, welfare, technology and knowledge management while improving the understanding of the factors influencing development, be these technical, commercial or social, to assure the sustainability of European aquaculture and its global role in technological leadership.

EATIP 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 groups and key representative organisation. There are currently 60 paying member organisations.

What is a Mirror Platform?

Within the **EATIP** structure, Mirror Platforms play an important role. Mirror Platforms are industry-driven multi-stakeholder aquaculture clusters, supporting the **EATIP** Vision and Strategic Research and Innovation Agenda (SRIA) through the implementation of strategic activities at a regional/Members State level. There are currently fifteen active Mirror Platforms in Europe. **EATIP** Mirror Platforms have a strong mobilisation role to help assure:

- Industry-focused strategic research and innovation agendas, roadmaps and implementation plans, for application at national, regional or European levels
- Industry and research participation in the EU Framework Programmes for research and innovation, and cooperation with networks in other European States
- Identification of needs and opportunities for international cooperation
- External advice for the programming and implementation of EU Framework Programmes



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More information about the Irish Aquaculture Technology and Innovation Platform will be made available on: www.iatip.ie. To find out more or to enquire about joining, please contact us via the website query form or contact the IATiP representative to EATiP: Lucy Watson, BIM (lucy.watson@bim.ie).



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