

ECO-FISH 4th e-newsletter

The Project '**Ecological footprint in cross-border marine fish farming in Sagiada (Greece) and southern Albania**' (ECO-FISH) aims, through specific pilot actions, to reduce the environmental footprint of aquaculture in Greece and Albania, with a view to sustainable management of natural resources and control of microclimatic conditions during production.

ECO-FISH is implemented under the "Interreg IPA II Cross-Border Cooperation Programme Greece-Albania 2014-2020" and is co-funded by the European Union and by National Funds of Greece and Albania.

During the previous months:

Deliverable 6.2.1. "Simple and user - friendly environmental calculator" was finalized by the Chamber of Commerce of Thesprotia, Project Beneficiary 2 of the Project.

The objective of this deliverable was to develop a simplified tool for assessing the environmental profile of the fish live-weight produced by marine gilthead sea bream and marine European sea bass farms in Greece and Albania. The simplified tool uses a partial (i.e. cradle-to-fish-farm-gate) LCA approach for the estimation of various environmental impacts at the midpoint level and aims to provide fish farmers and professionals working in the sector with: a) information regarding the potential environmental performance of their fish production system and b) a starting point for comparison of the potential environmental performance of similar marine fish farming systems.

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Deliverable 5.3.1 “Summer School for Stakeholders in Albanian Area” which aimed to raise awareness on issues related to marine aquaculture systems and their sustainability among the participants. More specifically, the summer schools’ implementation aimed at the professionals in the aquaculture sector gaining knowledge that will assist them in upgrading their production. The themes that were presented during summer schools included presentation of fish farming sector, aquaculture legislation, environmental issues and Environmental Impact Assessment (EIA) in marine fish farming and application of LCA method in aquaculture and management options. The summer school took place on 28, 29, 30 July 2020.



Deliverable 5.3.2 “Organization of visits in fish farms in Albania” The Visit in the fish farm of the company ALB ADRIATICA S.A. took place on 31st of July 2020. The visit provided professional and specialized information in various business topics that included: the production process and related environmental issues, development

prospects and problems the fish farm faces, issues of competition, promotion and advertising of products and services, institutional and structural changes required, and, presentation of structure and operation, as well as, human resources and upgrading prospects.



Upcoming activities

The ECO-FISH Final Scientific Conference is going to be implemented online in April 2021.

Del. 6.2.3 "Elaboration of Blue paper with principles" and Del. 3.3.1 Baseline Study in Albanian eligible area are in progress

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