

AQUAEXCEL:

Access Top Class Aquaculture Research Infrastructures

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AQUAEXCEL (Aquaculture Infrastructures for Excellence in European Fish Research) is an EU FP7 project that aims to integrate key aquaculture research infrastructures across Europe in order to promote their coordinated use and development.

Conduct your Experiments in our Infrastructures for Free!

AQUAEXCEL offers access to top class research infrastructures for both basic and applied research, giving aquaculture research groups the opportunity to utilise **AQUAEXCEL**'s installations.

The installations available cover:

- Recirculation, flow-through, cage, hatchery and pond systems
- Freshwater and marine, cold, temperate and warm water environments
- Small, medium and industrial scales
- A range of fish species including: salmon, trout, sea bass, sea bream, cod, common carp, etc.
- A variety of fields of expertise including: nutrition, physiology, health and welfare, genetics, engineering, monitoring and management technologies

The **AQUAEXCEL** project regularly invites proposals from European research groups for scientific research that utilises the installations of any of the participating Aquaculture Research

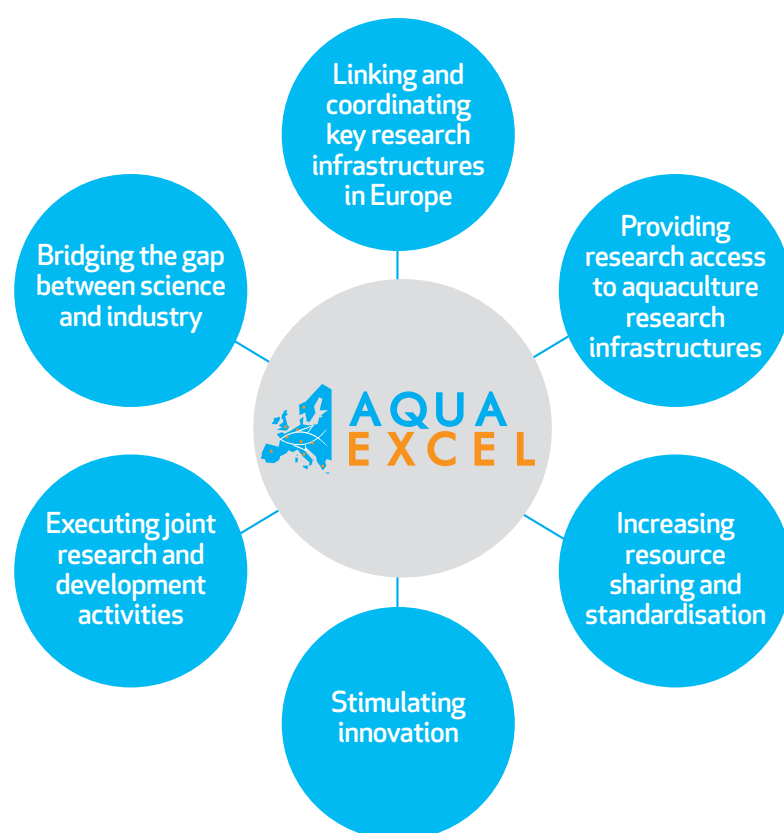
Infrastructures. These installations are made available to the research community for Transnational Access (TNA) with the support of the European Union 7th Framework Programme for Research and Technological Development (Infrastructures).

Interested researchers can propose projects that:

- Are compliant with the EATIP Strategic Research & Innovation Agenda
- Involve visits of one or two people to a Research Infrastructure that provides installations not available in their own country, for periods of up to three months.

Access to the research infrastructures and associated travel and subsistence expenses will be paid for under the project.

The fifth Call for Access is now open. Deadline for applications: 13 September 2013.



Training Courses

AQUAEXCEL is also organising four pioneering new technical Training Courses that focus on different aspects of aquaculture experimentation. This is a unique chance for researchers and technicians in this field as course attendance is free, thanks to EU FP7 funding. Participants are expected to pay their own travel, subsistence and accommodation.

COURSE 1

Title: Recirculating Aquaculture System (RAS) Technology
Course Provider: Aquaculture and Fisheries Group, Wageningen University (the Netherlands), with the assistance of NOFIMA, IFREMER and IMARES
Location: Wageningen University, the Netherlands
Date: 22-25 April 2013

COURSE 2

Title: Contribution of Genomic Approaches to the Development of Sustainable Aquaculture for Temperate and Mediterranean Fish
Course Provider: INRA
Location: Rennes, France
Date: 16-18 October 2013

COURSE 3

Title: The Application of Chromosome Set Manipulations and the Importance of Gamete Collection and Management in Aquaculture
Course Provider: Institute of Aquaculture, University of Stirling
Location: Stirling, UK
Date: 18-22 November 2013

COURSE 4

Title: Efficient Utilisation of New Monitoring and Control Systems in Fish Experiments
Course Provider: NTNU and SINTEF Sealab
Location: University of Science and Technology (NTNU), Trondheim, Norway
Date: 19-22 May 2014

More information can be found on the project website: www.aquaexcel.eu

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