





#### **ITALIAN FISH FARMERS ASSOCIATION**

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# **Associazione Piscicoltori Italiani (Italian Fish Farmers Association)**

- Created in 1964
- ❖ Has +/- 330 members
- Over 800 farming units
- Over 90% of total Italian fish farming production
- Trout, Seabass, Seabream, Sturgeon (Caviar), Eel, Meagre, Cyprinids, Catfish, Striped bass, ...
- Extensive (lagoons and ponds) and intensive farms (inland and off-shore)
- Shellfish and algae



# **Italian Fish farming peculiarities**

- Over 25 farmed fish species Biodiversity
- ❖ Different environments (freshwater, brackish, sea) and protected areas
- Different types and characteristics of farming (e.g. valliculture)
- Micro and small enterprises (80%)
- Very different (and often long) biological and production cycles
- Specializations and divisions of the supply chain (e.g. hatcheries, processing)
- Health and environmental control along the entire

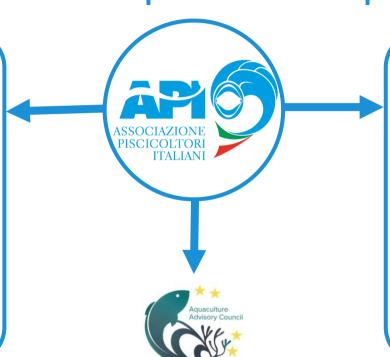




# **Partnerships & Memberships**



- The General Confederation of Italian Agriculture
- Oldest and one of the most representative farmers' organisations in Italy
- Integrates aquaculture into national agricultural policies, rural development, and food strategies
- Strengthens API's position within the Italian agri-food system



- Represents fish farmers across Europe
- ❖ API is an active member
- Platform to exchange best practices, promote sustainability, and address common challenges at EU level
- Provides a united voice of European aquaculture towards EU institutions and international organisations



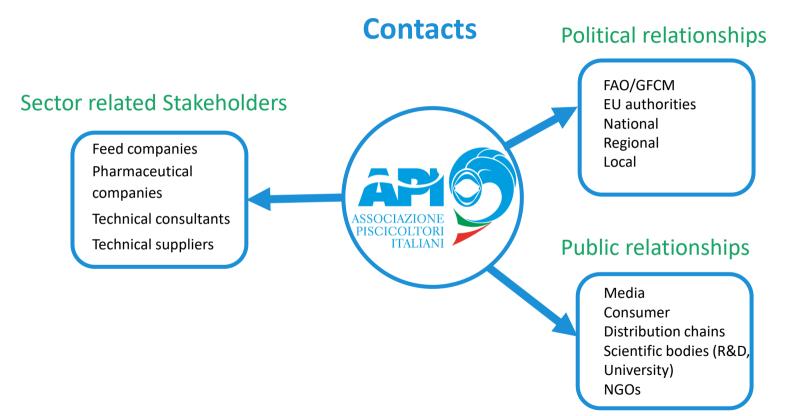
# **Current & Future Challenges**

Italian and European aquaculture must respond to:

- ❖ New needs: climate change, welfare,
- ❖ New EU and Global strategies: Green Deal, Farm to Fork, Biodiversity,..., One Health,...
- An evolving regulatory framework
- New market needs
- Ensure food safety & food security
- **\*** ...

# BE Environmentally, Socially and Economically SUSTAINABLE







### **Role of the Association**

- Lobbying Activities
- Promotion of fish farming and farmed fish products
- Research projects
- Circular economy
- Ensure level playing field
- Social acceptability
- Assistance and consultancy to fish farmers



- Principles of traceability, sustainability food and feed safety &security animal welfare
- Labelling (Ho.Re.Ca) and Product Certification
- Implementation of International rules/laws
- Environmental, social and economic sustainability

# **Thank You!**



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