



## 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**

## Contacts

### Sector related Stakeholders

Feed companies  
Pharmaceutical  
companies  
Technical consultants  
Technical suppliers



### Political relationships

FAO/GFCM  
EU authorities  
National  
Regional  
Local

### Public relationships

Media  
Consumer  
Distribution chains  
Scientific bodies (R&D,  
University)  
NGOs

## 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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