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PUBLISHABLE EXECUTIVE SUMMARY



**'PROFET POLICY' provides an opportunity for stakeholders how are involved or interested in aquaculture and fisheries to become better informed on European policies and research efforts that affect their sectors. 'PROFET POLICY' is achieving this through a combination of activities directed towards the communication and dissemination of the results of EU-funded research projects, in fisheries and aquaculture, of the 5th and 6th Framework Research Programmes.**

**'PROFET POLICY' focuses on policy-relevant issues and facilitates the flow of information from European RTD projects to a wide-range of stakeholders, using a dedicated website ([www.profetpolicy.info](http://www.profetpolicy.info)) that also publishes summaries (Technical Leaflets) of appropriate EU-funded research projects. In 2007, the project consortium organised 5 workshops in different countries throughout Europe, providing an important forum for the exchange of views of National and European policy makers and stakeholders. At least 4 more workshops will be organised in 2008. The active participation of a range of stakeholders in these events has been assured and the workshop conclusions and recommendations should provide the European Commission with clear recommendations for additional scientific support actions to policy.**

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The modernisation of European fisheries, that includes also aquaculture-based production systems, has become a key element within the sustainable management of Europe's natural resources, an approach that is required because some exploited stocks are at historically low levels in European waters. To recover such stocks and to promote sustainable fisheries, the need for improved scientific advice on the medium- and long-term effects of different management tools has been clearly identified. New management methods are needed to identify and resolve deficiencies through the improved understanding of key biological processes and parameters, fleet behaviour and socio-economic implications.

For the aquaculture sector, some aspects of the production process have generated concerns due to interactions with the environment as well as quality and health aspects of consumer products. At the moment, innovative European research continues to develop, the Aquatic Animal Health legislation has been revised, while environmental laws (including the Water Framework Directive) inevitably have direct and indirect effects on European aquaculture, both coastal and inland.

Not only are the fisheries and aquaculture sectors aware that modernisation is needed, but also that society at large is raising important questions that concern the acceptability of the activities of both sectors – for example, over-fishing and discards for fisheries, while by-products, waste discharge and fish welfare are key subjects for aquaculture.

While representative organisations and their members regularly discuss such issues, it is not often clear that the details of policy and the mechanisms of decision-making are fully understood by professional stakeholders. Conversely, policy-makers need to be fully informed of the effects of policy on the professional sectors addressed.

'PROFET POLICY' thus provides an opportunity for interested stakeholders to become better informed on European policies that affect their sector, directly or indirectly, and the project aims to provide the Commission with clear recommendations for scientific support to such policies.

'PROFET POLICY' is achieving this by building a platform for the communication and dissemination of the results of EU-funded research projects, in fisheries and aquaculture, of the 5th and 6th Framework Research Programmes.

Most of the information generated by 'PROFET POLICY' is distributed via a website ([www.profetpolicy.info](http://www.profetpolicy.info)) that publishes the summaries of the EU-funded research projects as Technical Leaflets. This format is also used to update stakeholders on European policy and legislative developments.

This communication and dissemination effort includes the organisation of targeted workshops covering fisheries and aquaculture, throughout Europe and on a thematic and regional basis.

Core elements of these workshops are the presentation of the status and discussion of the RTD needs of each sector so as to recommend clear guidelines and topics for future European Union Research Programmes. These workshops will thus provide a forum for the exchange of views of National and European policy makers and stakeholders.

There are 4 key objectives to be achieved by PROFET POLICY:

1. To source and summarise, in simple language, research results in fisheries and aquaculture from the 5<sup>th</sup> and 6<sup>th</sup> Framework Programmes, focusing on relevance to policy; *these are the technical leaflets*
2. To provide dedicated forums for the exchange of views of National and European policy makers and stakeholders through the organisation of trans-national workshops covering the sectors of fisheries and aquaculture, incorporating the dissemination of research results.
3. To improve the flow of information of research results funded by the Fifth and Sixth Framework Programmes to stakeholders, focusing on relevance to policy application and development – using web-based information supply, compendia and workshops
4. To identify research needs to support policy definition within the sectors, and as a support to the Common Fisheries Policy.

The project combines the results and experience of 2 successful EU projects – 'PROFET' ([www.aquamedia.org/news/RTD/profet\\_en.asp](http://www.aquamedia.org/news/RTD/profet_en.asp)) and 'AquaFlow' ([www.aquaflow.org](http://www.aquaflow.org)). Although these projects were dedicated to the aquaculture sector, their experience provides the backbone of 'PROFET POLICY'.

**List of project participants, acronyms and origin**

All of the project partners have strong involvement and experience in related areas within fisheries and aquaculture. Both FEAP and EAPO are member organisations of the ACFA and represent the industry in the two sectors concerned by this project. EAS and ICES members are closely involved in the promotion and dissemination of research activities in the two sectors, AquaTT in cross-sectoral work with students, academia and producers. Eurofish brings valuable ministerial level contacts and dissemination channels towards central and eastern European countries, especially the Baltic States. AquaTT provides an important link to sectoral students and the thematic Network AQUA-TNET.

Partic. Role	Partic. No	Organisation Name	Short Name	Country	Date Enter Project	Date Exit Project
CO	1	The Federation of European Aquaculture Producers	FEAP	FR	1	39
CR	2	The European Aquaculture Society	EAS	BE	1	39
CR	3	The International Council for the Exploration of the Sea	ICES	DK	1	39
CR	4	International Organisation for the Development of Fisheries in Eastern and Central Europe	Eurofish	DK	1	39
CR	5	The European Association of Fisheries Producers Organisations	EAPO	BE	1	39
CR	6	AquaTT-UETP Ltd	AquaTT	IRE	1	39

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## Section 1- Project objectives and major achievements

### General project objectives

#### **Strategic objectives addressed**

Specific Programme: Integrating and strengthening the European Research Area  
Activity: Specific activity covering policy-orientated research under 'Policy support and anticipating scientific and technological needs'.  
Priority: Sustainable management of Europe's natural resources.  
Area called: Modernisation and sustainability of fisheries, including aquaculture-based production systems.

Specific Support Actions (SSA) under 'Policy support and anticipating scientific and technological needs' are clearly and concisely defined in the work programme for integrating and strengthening the ERA (European Research Area). This project defines a 'Fish Policy Flow' initiative with the following 4 key objectives:

1. To source and summarise, in simple language, research results in fisheries and aquaculture from the 5<sup>th</sup> and 6<sup>th</sup> Framework Programmes, focusing on relevance to policy.
2. To provide dedicated forums for the exchange of views of National and European policy makers and stakeholders through the organisation of trans-national workshops covering the sectors of fisheries and aquaculture, incorporating the dissemination of research results.
3. To improve the flow of information of research results funded by the Fifth and Sixth Framework Programmes to stakeholders, focusing on relevance to policy application and development – using web-based information supply, compendia and workshops.
4. To identify research needs to support policy definition within the sectors, and as a support to the Common Fisheries Policy.

### Project's relation to the state-of-the-art

PROFET POLICY is based on the dissemination of knowledge and the provision of forums for the exchange of information. The project has no state-of-the-art in itself.

### Major achievements during the reporting period

The achievements reported are made primarily by workpackage, which are grouped in the generation of technical leaflets (1 and 2), preparation/realisation of workshops (3 and 4) and management (6).

#### **Workpackage 1: Technical Leaflet (TL) – production and editing**

- **118 new Technical Leaflets** have been produced (**D8**) for web publication and compilation, and 21 existing TL have been updated to include project progress.
- **8 new Background Policy Documents** have been written (**D9**) by a range of contributors for the compilations and the website as complementary information on European policies affecting fisheries and aquaculture

#### **Workpackage 2: Technical Leaflet (TL) – quality control and dissemination**

- A draft of each Technical Leaflet produced has been sent to its project coordinator for approval and comments.
- For each workshop, a compilation of Technical Leaflets was created; the selection of leaflets was made by the consortium's management – in consultation with the local workshop organisers – so that the content was related to the theme of each workshop (**D13**). Each compilation was printed as a book to be distributed to each participant attending the workshop (These replaced the original planned deliverables **D21**, **D25** and **D30**).

### **Workpackage 3: Organisation of Workshop Structure & Content**

- 6 regional workshops were organised within the reporting period.
- For each workshop, press releases were made providing advance information on the workshop content and programme and published in several media (**D12**) (incl. workshop nr.3)
- For each of the six last workshops, the thematic structure and the objectives were developed within the consortium partnership and, where appropriate, with local organisers (**D14**).

### **Workpackage 4: Realisation of Workshops**

- Six workshops were organised and realised (**D15**) [in Athens (Greece), in Warsaw (Poland), in Copenhagen (Denmark), in Marseille (France), in Treviso (Italy) and in Vigo (Spain)] within the reporting period.
- Presentations made by members of the project consortium were all completed - within the context of the themes and agenda or on a more general basis - for each of the six last workshops (**D16**) accompanied by presentations on individual project progress and presentations related to the thematic theme of the workshop and/or policies affecting the sector.

### **Workpackage 5: Production of Proceedings, Reports & Recommendations**

- The presentations of the six last workshops have been placed on the public project website – [www.profetpolicy.info](http://www.profetpolicy.info) (**D17**); each presentation has been converted into a dynamic format for automatic web-presentation (which also preserves the IP of each presenter).
- Summaries and recommendations have been written for the six last workshops and published in the public project website.
- The second annual report (**D24**) was approved by the Commission services. The third 6-months report (**D26**) was not sent separately but is included in this last annual report.

### **Workpackage 6: Project Management**

- The 3<sup>rd</sup> Annual Meeting of the Consortium and composite Committees was organised and held in Brussels (Belgium) on 21<sup>st</sup> January 2009 (**D28**) alongside the PROFET Policy summary workshop.

#### Problems encountered during the third period including corrective actions

The project did not encounter any major problems during the third year of the project, apart from delays encountered in the organisation of the final combined fisheries/aquaculture workshop foreseen to be held in Vigo in early October 2008. The Consortium of the Project therefore requested to the Commission to change the duration of the contract from 36 months to 39 months (explanation given in the appendix 1 of the request for Amendment nr.2). The DOW was changed accordingly.

Attendance at the fisheries workshop organised in Marseille was affected by the fuel crisis of that time and parallel meetings held to resolve this issue. No corrective actions could be made due to the organisational commitments already undertaken.

As the international financial crisis furthered during 2008, it was noticeable (in several of the later workshops) that international attendance decreased – particularly from the SME interests. Unfortunately, no corrective actions could be made in respect of this.

For most of the locations, interpretation of the presentations and commentary/debate was requested in – at least – the local language. While some organisers were able to obtain sponsorship, the consortium agreed that if the total workshop budget would be able to allow this item that it should be included where possible. Sponsorship could also be used to support this item. Interpretation was guaranteed for the Workshop in Dublin (French and Spanish), in Athens (Greek), in Warsaw (Polish), in Marseille (French), in Treviso (Italian) and in Vigo (Spanish).

## SECTION 2 - WORKPACKAGE PROGRESS OF THE PERIOD

### WP 1 Technical Leaflet (TL) production and editing

In this workpackage, an appropriate template for the Technical Leaflets (TLs) had been developed in the previous period. Some new Fisheries and Aquaculture policy background documents were prepared. Additional TLs – including links to project websites – were prepared on Fisheries and Aquaculture research that has been made under the 5th and 6th Framework programmes.

### Template for Technical Leaflets

EAS had the leading role in this workpackage, which consisted of the production of short summaries of the EU RTD projects concerned. The final layout of the TL template (**D7**) was agreed and detailed in period 2. In this period 3, new TLs were prepared with the same attractive easy-to-read layout and the same rules as for the previous ones, i.e. using the Microsoft Publisher programme and then converted to a pdf-file under Excellent printing quality, format A5, for inclusion in the workshop compilations and Normal printing quality, format A4, for presentation on the web site.

### Technical Leaflet production

During this extended period, the PROFET Policy projects database was further updated. The table below gives an overview of the number of projects per programme and per theme.

Table 1: Overview of EU-funded projects in database

Themes	FP5	FP6	Total
Aquaculture	137	74	211
Fisheries	104	64	168
Aquaculture and fisheries	29	12	41
Seafood processing	30	8	38
<b>Total</b>	<b>300</b>	<b>157</b>	<b>458</b>

Of these 458 projects, a prioritisation was made (as in previous periods) according to the workshop planning and themes and leading to the production of **118 new Technical Leaflets** over the period. (**D8**)

Table 2: TL production per workshop (Period 3)

Workshop	Total number TLs	New/updated TLs	TLs used previously
Athens	55	26	29
Warsaw	35	13	22
Copenhagen	44	19	25
Marseille	40	23	17
Treviso	43	19	24
Vigo	69	39	30
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>286</b>	<b>139*</b>	<b>147</b>

\* 8 used twice, some of the Athens TLs were produced in Period 2

Table 3: TL production during Period 3 per theme and per framework programme

Themes	FP5	FP6	Total
Aquaculture	43	34	77
Fisheries	15	17	32
Aquaculture & fisheries	1	7	8
Seafood processing	1	0	1
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>60</b>	<b>58</b>	<b>118</b>

Finally, during year 3, 21 TLs on FP6-funded projects were updated to include project progress.

A list of the projects used for each workshop compilation can be found in deliverable report 8.



### **TLCC meetings**

During the third year of the project, it was not necessary to organise a separate meeting for the Technical Leaflet Coordination Committee (TLCC), since there was close and regular contact between the 2 persons who achieve the major part of the TL production (Me. Charles [EAS] and Me. Van Vilsteren [FEAP])

### **TL Publication**

In Period 3, 118 TLs were produced, which reach the objectives of the project. All of the technical leaflets produced are to be found on the public website.  
Since the website will remain open in the future, this can also be updated with any TLs of importance.

### **Background documents**

28 Background Policy Documents were written as introductions to the thematic TL compilations, as an explanation of the European policies that drive or respond to the issues under debate.

These specific background documents have thus been prepared and presented in the compilation of Technical Leaflets at each workshop as an introductory document for the projects presented as Technical Leaflets. These documents have been prepared for grouping RTD results in respect of key policy areas and represented an ongoing deliverable that was updated through the course of the project.

All background documents are also available at the public PROFET POLICY website.

More detailed information on this can be found in the deliverable report **D9**.

### **Extra remark to this workpackage**

The Consortium feels that this WP was innovative, productive and worked very well – there has been much positive feed-back - both from the workshop participants and by those who were given copies of the TL Compilation subsequently.

Explaining the policy background as to why research projects are undertaken was a very valuable exercise – there were comments from attendees, including members of the scientific community, to the effect that it was the first time the context of many of these projects was apparent.

Although an informal opinion, it appears that many attendees (SMEs and Scientists) have weak knowledge of European policies and their relation to the scientific work programme of the Commission.

## WP 2 TL quality control and dissemination

This workpackage has to ensure that the TLs produced comply to a common standard, in terms of the presentation of results, their policy relevance and the context of the results with regard to the status of policy implementation. Besides these elements of quality control, this workpackage assures that dissemination is actively targeted to the different stakeholder groups, thereby keeping them regularly informed on project progress and of developments in scientific support to policy and related EU research results.

Following the Description of Work three Annual Project Abstracts/Presentations/Leaflet Compilations (Deliverables **21, 25 and 30**) were to be created as deliverables to combine presentations and leaflets.

During the first Annual meeting, it was proposed to change the format of this task; instead of generating an annual compilation (of leaflets) it was agreed that a special compilation – per workshop, by themes treated – would be prepared. During this meeting, it was also agreed that this represented a better option than making a special compilation of technical leaflets each year. It was agreed that nine readable reports (accompanying each workshop) with clearly defined themes per report would be better 'products' than three large annual compilations. Since each participant would leave with a printed compilation, the potential for this being 'spread' and read by other RTD organisation staff/SME company members would also be increased.

It was noted that with this style of composition of technical leaflet compilations, the introduction of each report could be made more interesting as it could give a preview/review with points of discussion developed for each workshop – providing reference positions. This was achieved within the Background Documents.

### **Description of Work over the last year**

As for previous years, a draft of each TL was sent to each project's coordinator for their approval and comments. An overview of this process is kept in the projects' database. After receiving comments of the coordinators, the TLs were created in publishing software and comments were incorporated in the text.

This database was held within and maintained by the EAS (Me. Joke Charles).

### **Compilation of Technical Leaflets**

As indicated previously, for each workshop a compilation of Technical Leaflets was created which was related to the theme of the workshop (**D13**). These compilations were printed in book format and were distributed to all participants of the workshops (These replaced the original planned deliverables **D21, D25 and D30**).

WP 3 Organisation of workshop structures & content

### Timing and Dates of Workshops

At the second annual meeting of the 12<sup>th</sup> September 2007, the Consortium agreed on the provisional dates and locations of workshops originally forecast in the DOW. The partners agreed that the workshop structure and content should not vary too much but remain flexible enough to adapt to local/regional specificities. This aspect was respected for the workshops organised during the third period.

Some problems in respecting timing occurred (mainly due to hotel/room availability) for the workshops in Treviso and Vigo, both of which were delayed.

The workshop programme is itemised below.

Table: workshop planning

Nr.	Location	Country	Theme	Date
1	Bergen	Norway	Coldwater Marine Aquaculture	15 & 16 March 2007
2	Vilnius	Lithuania	Baltic Sea Fisheries	19 & 20 April 2007
3	Dublin	Ireland	Technical measures – Atlantic fisheries	13 & 14 September 2007
4	Athens	Greece	Mediterranean Marine Aquaculture	22 & 23 November 2007
5	Warsaw	Poland	Continental Freshwater Aquaculture	13 & 14 December 2007
6	Marseille	France	Mediterranean Fisheries	12 & 13 June 2008
7	Copenhagen	Denmark	North Sea Fisheries	23 & 24 June 2008
8	Treviso	Italy	Southern Freshwater Aquaculture	16 & 17 October 2008
9	Vigo	Spain	Atlantic Fisheries, Marine cage & shellfish culture – north	20 & 21 November 2008

It was planned to be able to hold 4-5 workshops each year, maintaining a spread throughout the calendar so as to avoid date conflicts. Care was taken to avoid other important international events to this purpose. Nevertheless, the workshop on 'Mediterranean Fisheries' planned in April 2008 was postponed in June (organisational issues) and the last workshop planned in Vigo early October 2008 was postponed until November in order to avoid conflict with one of the major Spanish seafood exposition CONXEMAR.

### Workshop Content & Structure

For each of the seven last workshops, the thematic structure and the objectives were developed and described in detail in the deliverable report (**D14**).

The basic outline of the workshops is the following, aiming to have a 1.5-2 day event composed of 6 sessions (slightly variable nonetheless)

1. Introductory session
  - o Welcome by Workshop Chairman (Local) and, in most cases, a local politician responsible for the sector covered by the workshop
  - o Background to Profet Policy (usually the Project coordinator)
  - o Background to European Policies affecting the sector – adaptable to key theme of workshop – often by European Commission representative
  - o Professional sector views on such Policies and how they affect the sector
2. Explanation on the Policy Frameworks and the relation of research to their application
3. Identification of RTD needs in relation to the application of European policies
  - o Mainly views from the profession and related NGOs
4. RTD needs and sustainable development
  - o Including project presentations and discussion
5. Support for development
  - o Including project presentations and discussion
6. Future needs and support
  - o Including workshop summary
  - o FP7 mechanisms for support

In each workshop, posters and dissemination materials for a range of EU projects were also presented.

Notes:

- The local organiser of workshops usually had adequate influence to assure the presence of local politicians and press, assuring good national coverage of the Profet Policy event – assuring local dissemination activities that could not be achieved otherwise.
- The presence of Commission officials who know the policy backgrounds and details of legislation provides an excellent balance and an opportunity for a high level of debate on applications and effects – within a conducive environment.
- It is essential to have good session chairmen (for management of discussion) – often a task shared between several people during the course of a Workshop.
- It is also essential to have +/-2 people for the task of Rapporteur for the last session – identifying and breaking down the key issues identified within the workshop.
- In most cases, speakers were invited with the local organisers for an evening welcome dinner (and explanation of procedures) within the workshop programme
- In several cases, it was possible to find a sponsorship for a dinner for all workshop participants.

**Press releases**

For each workshop, press releases were released on the workshop content and programme and published in different media (**D12**). Additional promotion was assured through the networks of each project participant, the local organisers and associated project websites.

WP 4 Realisation of Workshops

The report for WP3 indicated the timing and locations of the 9 workshops. The propositions of the Workshops were refined in WP4 for implementation by the local Associations/organisations responsible for the individual workshops.

**Realisation of workshops**

In the third year, 6 workshops were organised and realised (see **D15**)

1. Workshop nr.4 on Mediterranean Marine Aquaculture – Athens (Greece), 22&23 November 2007
2. Workshop nr.5 on Continental Freshwater Aquaculture – Warsaw (Poland), 13&14 December 2007
3. Workshop nr.6 on Mediterranean Fisheries – Marseille (France), 12&13 June 2008
4. Workshop nr.7 on North Sea Fisheries – Copenhagen (Denmark), 23&24 June 2008
5. Workshop nr.8 on Southern Continental Freshwater Aquaculture – Treviso (Italy), 16&17 October 2008
6. Workshop nr.9 on Atlantic Fisheries, Marine Cage & shellfish Culture – south – Vigo (Spain), 20&21 November 2008

**Table: Presence of the project partners at the six last workshops**

Partners	Athens	Warsaw	Marseille	Copenhagen	Treviso	Vigo
FEAP	2	2	1	1	2	1
EAS	1	2	0	1	1	0
ICES	0	0	1	6	0	1
Eurofish	1	1	1	2	1	1
EAPO	0	0	0	2	0	2
AquaTT	1	1	0	0	1	0

## Presentations

Each presenter in the workshops received in advance guidelines for preparing abstracts and presentations. The guidelines provided advice for setting up the presentation and gave information about the expected audience of the workshop.

The quality of the presentations was very high during the whole project.

Each presenter had to deliver a short abstract of their presentation in English (10-15 lines) and a short (5 line maximum) biography to the FEAP secretariat two weeks before the workshop. The abstract and the biography were distributed as a hand-out at each Workshop with the final Agenda and Programme.

A deliverable report (**D16**) has been created for the first 7 last workshops wherein the list of presentations is attached. Each presentation made in all workshops has been uploaded to the public project website – [www.profetpolicy.info](http://www.profetpolicy.info).

## WP 5 Production of Proceedings, Reports & Recommendations

Workpackage 5 concerns the production of Workshop proceedings, the final report provides the Final Plan for Using and Disseminating Knowledge generated by the Specific Support Action and a Report on how actors beyond the Research Community have been involved so as to raise public participation and awareness.

### **Project Plan for dissemination of knowledge**

The Plan for dissemination of knowledge has been updated for this report and can be found as Deliverable 32.

## Presentations

**Deliverable 17** is the processing and publication of presentation on the Profet Policy website. After each workshop the FEAP secretariat converted and uploaded the presentations to the website.

The PowerPoint presentations of the workshop were converted via RoboPresenter to a Flash format, which cannot be copied. This respects the IPR of the presenter of the work. The presentation online also contains the biography and the e-mail address of the presenter.

More information can be found on the deliverable report (**D17**).

### **Summaries and recommendations of the workshop**

Summaries and recommendations have been created and published in the public project website of each workshop. More information can be found in the deliverable report (**D18**). This deliverable report contains the summaries and recommendations of the last 7 workshops.

### **Reports**

The second annual report (**D24**) has been made and approved by the Commission. The third 6-month report (**D26**) was not sent to the Commission, all information is included in this report.

## WP 6 Project Management

The objectives of the first Workpackage are to manage the achievement of the project's aims and goals through the provision of the support services required by the project's participants and to provide transparent accountancy on project expenditure.

The main meeting that has been organised within the second year was the 3<sup>rd</sup> Annual Meeting of the Consortium and composite Committees (**D28**) in Brussels on the 21<sup>st</sup> January 2008.

Besides this third annual meeting, the FEAP secretariat had also organised the PROFET Policy Summary workshop with the partners and the Commission (representatives of DG MARE and DG RESEARCH) in order to summarise the work accomplished during the duration of the project, to highlight the results of the initiative and bring the conclusions further.

It was not needed to organise special meetings for the three project committees:

- Project Management and Finance
- Technical Leaflet Coordination
- Workshop Programme Coordination

### **General Management**

The only deliverable for this workpackage was the organisation of the 3<sup>rd</sup> Annual Meeting of the Consortium and composite Committees (**D28**) and has been completed.

Deliverables list

List of deliverables, giving date of submission and any proposed revision to plans.

Delivery date in **RED** means that the deliverable has been made.

<b>Deliverables List (full duration of the SSA)</b>					
<b>Del.N o</b>	<b>Deliverable title</b>	<b>WP No</b>	<b>WP Leader</b>	<b>Deliv. date DOW</b>	<b>Changed date</b>
D1	Start-up Meeting, Report and Workplan	6	FEAP	M1	M3 <b>Jan-06</b>
D2	Project Presentation	6	FEAP	M1	M3 <b>Jan-06</b>
D3	Poster for workshop and project promotion	3	FEAP	M1	M14 <b>Jan-07</b>
D4	Online Leaflet editing facility	1	EAS	M2	M14 <b>Jan-07</b>
D5	Project Intranet	1	EAS	M3	M14 <b>Jan-07</b>
D6	Database-driven project web site	1	EAS	M3 & ongoing	M14 & ongoing <b>Jan-07</b>
D7	Template for Technical Leaflets	1	EAS	M3	M11 <b>Nov-06</b>
D8	Technical Leaflets (TLs)	1	EAS	Ongoing	Ongoing
D9	Background Policy Documents	1	EAS	M2 & ongoing	M16 & ongoing <b>Feb-07</b>
D10	Meeting of the Workshop Programme Committee	3	FEAP	M4	M5 <b>Mar-06</b>
D11	1st 6-month report confirming planning/locations of workshops	6	FEAP	M6	M10 <b>Sep-06</b>
D12	Press releases on Workshop content and programme	3	FEAP	Prior to each workshop	Prior to each workshop
D13	TL compilations related to policy area	2	EAS	With each workshop	With each workshop
D14	Individual workshop scope and objectives	3	FEAP	With each workshop	With each workshop
D15	Realisation of Workshops	4	FEAP	With each workshop	With each workshop
D16	Workshop presentations	4	FEAP	For each Workshop	For each Workshop
D17	Processing and publication of presentations on website	5	FEAP	After each workshop	After each workshop
D18	Workshop summaries and recommendations	5	FEAP	After each workshop	After each workshop
D19	1st Annual Meeting of the Consortium and composite Committees	6	FEAP	M12	M11 <b>Sep-06</b>
D20	1st Annual Report	5	FEAP	M13	M13 <b>Dec-06</b>
D21	1st Annual Project Abstracts/Presentations/Leaflet Compilation (CD)	2	EAS	M13	Revised
D22	2nd 6-month report	5	FEAP	M18	M19 <b>May-07</b>
D23	2nd Annual Meeting of the Consortium and composite Committees	6	FEAP	M24	M23 <b>Sep-07</b>
D24	2nd Annual Report	5	FEAP	M24	M24 <b>Dec-07</b>
D25	2nd Annual Project Abstracts/Presentations/Leaflet Compilation (CD)	2	EAS	M25	Revised
D26	3rd 6-month Report	5	FEAP	M30	Included in the 3 <sup>rd</sup> Annual report
D27	Draft Conclusions & Recommendations	5	FEAP	M33	M33 Jun-09

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Deliverable title		WP No	WP Leader	Deliv. date DOW	Changed date
D28	3rd Annual Meeting of the Consortium and composite Committees	6	FEAP	M35	M35 <b>Mar-09</b>
D29	3rd Annual Report	5	FEAP	M36	M36 <b>Mar-09</b>
D30	3rd Annual Project Abstracts/Presentations/Leaflet Compilation (CD)	2	EAS	M36	Revised
D31	Final Project Report (PDF and CD)	5	FEAP	M36	M36 <b>Jun-09</b>
D32	Final Plan for Using and Disseminating Knowledge	5	FEAP	M36	M36 <b>Jun-09</b>
D33	Report on raising public participation and awareness	5	FEAP	M36	M36 <b>Jun-09</b>

Milestones List

**Milestones List (full duration of the SSA)**

No	Milestone title	WP No	WP Leader	Deliv. date DOW	Changed date
M1	Selection of Technical Leaflets	1	EAS	M3	M10 <b>Aug-06</b>
M2	Preparation of policy background documents	1	EAS	M3	M16 & ongoing <b>Feb-07</b>
M3	Revision of the TL database, editorial intranet	1	EAS	M3	M15 <b>Jan-07</b>
M4	Publication of a modern, easy-to-use and publicly accessible website	1	EAS	M3	M15 <b>Jan-07</b>
M5	Agreement on Workshop content, adapted to sectoral differences, location, format and identity of local organisers/coordinators	6	FEAP	M6	M13 <b>Nov-06</b>
M6	Preparation of thematic groupings of TLs for workshops	2	EAS	M6 & ongoing	M13 & ongoing <b>Nov-06</b>
M7	Realisation of separate and combined workshops (continuous)	1	FEAP	M7	M17 & ongoing <b>Mar-07</b>
M8	Production of Workshop proceedings (for each Workshop)	1	FEAP	M7 & ongoing	M16 & ongoing <b>Feb-07</b>
M9	Preparation of sectoral conclusions and recommendations on the Workshops and the efficacy of RTD dissemination	1	FEAP	M36	M36 <b>Oct-08</b>



### SECTION 3 CONSORTIUM MANAGEMENT

#### Time schedule

Following the project extension accorded during the summer of 2008, the new date for the end of the project was agreed to be January 31 2009.

This enabled the completion of the workshops foreseen for Treviso and Vigo as well as the final summary workshop and consortium meetings that were held in Brussels on 21<sup>st</sup> January 2009.

#### Pre-financing

The second pre-financing was received in the summer of 2008 and was distributed to partners on the basis of expenditure incurred and budgetary revisions (mainly on workshop organisation and associated expenditure).

The details of this are provided in the management report.

### SECTION 4 – OTHER ISSUES

As described in the first and second period reports, much attention was given to structuring the content of the Technical Leaflets and the Workshops – so as to stimulate presentation, debate and conclusions within a coherent structure.

In wishing to provide overviews on the important issues contained within policy themes, a sequence of policy summaries – including a glossary of Commission terminology – were prepared as introductions to the compilations of technical leaflets. These were made by a range of people expert in the themes identified – ranging across a wide range of different topics and issues. References to original policy documents, communications and regulations have also been included so as to give a clearer picture on how Europe has developed these policies and the actions accompanying these. The authors also described effects and reactions – notably from the professional sector – that have occurred.

These documents are all included within the project website in a special POLICY section.

As identified in the 1<sup>st</sup> and 2<sup>nd</sup> Period Activity Reports, PROFET POLICY has responded to each of the targets identified within the development and achievement of its 'products'.

## SECTION 5 – PLAN FOR USING AND DISSEMINATING THE KNOWLEDGE

### Exploitable knowledge and its use

PROFET POLICY is intrinsically based on the dissemination of knowledge and the provision of forums for the exchange of information. No exploitable knowledge (Intellectual Property) requiring protection has been produced.

The original nature of many of the project's 'products' could be seen as being appropriate for copyright but the consortium decided that none of these would be kept in the private domain nor for application for protection.

### Dissemination of knowledge

As explained in the previous section, PROFET POLICY has been based significantly on the dissemination of knowledge generated by European Research, through the Technical Leaflets prepared during the project and the 9 transnational workshops.

The key target audience was the professional and service sectors within European aquaculture and fisheries. The second target audience were the policy makers and public authorities. Thirdly, scientists working in related areas also require knowledge of project results. Finally, transparent public knowledge supply has been addressed.

The project made use of modern technology to assure that all communication efforts required by the project, the Consortium and the different target audiences were made available to the communication channels that are used most by each target group.

The main tool for delivery of information to stakeholders has been through the project web-site ([www.profetpolicy.info](http://www.profetpolicy.info)) that contains the following items

1. the Technical leaflets and
2. the relevant documents on policies affecting the sectors
3. details on the workshops – including presentations and conclusions

The Website has been a very important component of the project – managed by the FEAP Secretariat - which assured the development of web-based information, being updated by FEAP staff with input from consortium members and project participants.

Aquamedia ([www.aquamedia.org](http://www.aquamedia.org)) and the sites of all project partners provided key links to the site, providing core entry points with more than 3000 daily visits, acting as relay points so as to assure continuing public and professional access.

By using these professional and well-established information channels, the efficient communication of information and results has been ensured, to both professional and public interests.

The website now contains a large amount of information and content that has been developed within the project. So as to maintain continued dissemination and to increase the opportunities for giving added-value to the European research efforts, skills and competence, it has been agreed to maintain the original website itself for a further 5 years and to update it with information on European policies where appropriate. The provision of further RTD information will be assessed by the project's partners as a function of future work and/or projects.

Each member of the Consortium maintains regular professional and communication links with European and international organisations (such as individual European Producers Organisations, the FAO departments responsible for fisheries and aquaculture, the International Salmon Farmers Association (International), the Global Aquaculture Alliance (international), Pacific Aquaculture Caucus (USA/Canada), the Network of Aquaculture Centres of Asia [NACA] (Asia)) who have been informed regularly of the project and its developments.

The Workshops have themselves developed accompanying knowledge and opinions based on the presentations and discussions of key policy issues concerning the development of fisheries and aquaculture.

Each workshop had two accompanying documents:

- the compilation of abstracts
- TLs compilation containing policy background documents and technical leaflets

The presentations of the workshop were converted into an editable FLASH format, for web dissemination to maintain personal, corporate or institutional IR. All web dissemination is public while the Consortium use its different networks for making people in the fisheries and aquaculture sector aware of the information distributed on the website.

The site is well known within the profession and it has also been communicated to the project coordinator [personal communications] that Commission staff use it regularly for access to information on individual projects.

The conclusions made available from the series of workshops have been presented to:

- The Advisory Committee on Fisheries and Aquaculture of the European Commission
- Meetings of the individual organisations of the Consortium
- The Specialised Press (Fisheries and Aquaculture Journals)

It is intended to provide further information, following completion of the project, to international Conferences on Fisheries and Aquaculture, notably Aquaculture Europe 2009 (August 2009).

Details have also been provided to

- The Committee on Fisheries and the sub-Committee on Aquaculture of the FAO
- The European Inland Fisheries Advisory Commission (FAO)
- The General Fisheries Council of the Mediterranean (FAO)

As foreseen in the second annual report, a final summary workshop was organised in Brussels in January 2009 to present the conclusions to the Commission services and to debate the results and conclusions of the project.

The final product of the project – a report summarising the results of the workshops, the presentations, the conclusions and recommendations (**D31**) will be distributed to stakeholders and interested parties. It was decided within the management committee and through discussion with the Commission representatives not to proceed with the preparation of an interactive CD for distribution since the impact of this remains doubtful (too many 'free' CDs are not viewed). The FEAP will continue to maintain the PROFET POLICY website for at least another 3 years.

*It was preferred to prepare a downloadable version (from the website(s)) to those who wish to view these.*

The final document should act as a significant reference document for both aquaculture and fisheries research but also provide guidelines on the conclusions of the effectiveness of this research and the direction desired by the profession and other stakeholders.

To complete these actions, the creation of the European Aquaculture Technology and Innovation Platform in late 2008 has provided a valuable continuation of this project's objectives. In agreement with the Board of EATIP, all of the technical leaflets/policy documents on aquaculture have been transferred into the website of the EATIP, providing an additional portal for the communication and dissemination efforts developed within Profet Policy.

Since this was achieved, some of the most 'popular' Technical leaflets have had in excess of 250 downloads (since January 2009).

### **Additional activities.**

The public Website ([www.profetpolicy.info](http://www.profetpolicy.info)) has been developed and promoted. All partners assure the development of web-based information, for the professionals and for the public, providing links from their own websites and other related initiatives. By using these professional and well-established information channels, the efficient communication of results is ensured, to both professional and public interests.

#### *General project promotion*

As mentioned in the list of dissemination events, project presentation has been given at meetings of Member Associations of FEAP, EAPO, Eurofish, EAS and ICES.

Since the previous report, project presentations have been given at the FEAP Meetings held in May 2008 and November 2008. All national associations within FEAP have been informed about the purposes of this project and were contacted individually for workshop promotion (specifically when these concerned directly their membership).

- Similar actions were made by all project partners through their individual networks

The FEAP has also promoted the project within all of presentations by Secretariat representatives throughout the project period.

The websites of all partners provide a direct link to the Profet Policy website.

Results (TLs) from projects relevant to sustainable aquaculture have also been disseminated on the CONSENSUS web site (under "Aquaculture Issues"), with reference to Profet Policy and link to Profet Policy web site.

At the end of the second reporting period a general press release was made in Fish Farming International in order to report the two first workshops held in Bergen and Vilnius and to announce the 7 to come.

#### *Promotion for the **Mediterranean Marine Aquaculture workshop** in Athens*

- Press release November 2007

This press release has been produced and distributed by the FEAP. The press release reports the 3 first workshops and includes the announcement of the 4<sup>th</sup> workshop in details. It was also published online, and in the Greek Fishing News magazine.

#### *Promotion for the **Continental Freshwater Aquaculture workshop** in Warsaw*

- PTBA (the Polish Trout Breeders Association) announced the workshop through direct mailing to all fish farmers as well as to institutions, ministries and all relevant persons.

#### *Promotion for the **Mediterranean Fisheries workshop** in Marseille*

- Announcement in the AquaTT newsletter – May 2008
- Announcement by EUROFISH - May 2008
- Press release - June 2008, produced by the FEAP and distributed by the Regional Committee for Fisheries and Aquaculture PAC

*Promotion for the **North Sea Fisheries workshop** in Copenhagen*

- Announcement in the AquaTT newsletter – May 2008
- Announcement by EUROFISH - May 2008
- A permanent link announcing the workshop was available on the ICES website.
- A flyer was distributed to all stakeholders and promoted through the North Western Waters Regional Advisory Council.

*Promotion for the **Quality Assurance in Freshwater Aquaculture' workshop** in Treviso*

- The API (Associazione Piscicoltori Italiani) announced the event in their national aquaculture magazine in July/August 2008 and September/October 2008

*Promotion for the **Integrating Fisheries and Aquaculture with Marine Environment Protection workshop** in Vigo*

- Announcement in the AquaTT newsletter – September/October 2008
- The OPP-3 (Organización de Productores de Buques Congeladores de Merlúcidos, Cefalópodos y Especies Varias) and the OPPF-4 (Organización de Productores de Pesca Fresca del Puerto de Vigo) announced the workshop through direct mailing to all fishermen as well as to institutions, ministries and all relevant stakeholders.
- The workshop was also promoted through the North Western Waters Regional Advisory Council.

### List of the dissemination events

A list of the dissemination events is reported below; this covers efforts made during the whole project, the third period activities are in red.

Planned/ actual Dates	Type	Type of audience	Countries addressed	Size of audience	Partner responsible /involved
Jan 06	Project presentation	Policy makers/ research /Farmers/Fishers	World	Public	FEAP
Sept 06 - ongoing	Technical leaflets	Policy makers/ research /Farmers/Fishers/G eneral public	Europe/ World		FEAP/EAS
Sep 06 (to be repeated every 6 months)	Project presentation at meetings of Member Associations of FEAP, EAPO, Eurofish, EAS and ICES	Farmers/Fishers	Europe	350-1000	FEAP/ EAPO/ Eurofish/ EAS / ICES
Sep 06	Press release Introduction Profet Policy. Published in eg newsletter AquaTT (oct 2006)	Policy makers/ research /Farmers/Fishers	Europe	2000	All partners
Oct 06	Sub-page Eurofish	Farmers/Fishers	Europe		Eurofish
Jan 07	Project web-site	General public	World	Link site with > 1000 daily visits	FEAP/EAS
Jan 07	Sub-site Aquamedia	General public	World	Link site with > 1000 daily visits	FEAP
Jan 07	Innovated Aquaflow website	Policy makers/ research /Farmers/Fishers/G eneral public	Europe/ World		FEAP/EAS
2&3 Mar 07	Fish EXPO – Galway, Ireland	Irish fishing industry, open to public	Ireland		EAPO/KFO
Jun 07	Poster	Policy makers/ research /Farmers/Fishers/G eneral public	Europe/ World	Public	FEAP
Prior to each workshop	Press releases on Workshop content and programme – <b>for details see deliverable report 18</b>	Policy makers/ research /Farmers/Fishers	Europe/ World	>1000	FEAP
5 in 2007 and 4 or 5 in 2008	9 Workshops	Policy makers/ research /Farmers/Fishers	Europe/ World	>100 per workshop	FEAP
After each workshop	Processing and publication of presentations on website	Policy makers/ research /Farmers/Fishers	Europe/ World	Link site with > 1000 daily visits	FEAP
Before each workshop	9 Abstracts/Presentations/ Leaflet Compilation	Research/farmers	Europe	>100 per workshop	FEAP
Aug 07	Aquanor	Research/Farmers	Northern Europe	15.000	FEAP/EAS
Oct 07	Aquaculture Europe 2007	Research/Farmers	Europe	350-1000	FEAP/EAS

<i>March 08</i>	<i>European Parliament hearing</i>	<i>Policy makers/ research/NGOs Farmers/Fishers</i>	<b>Europe</b>	<i>100</i>	<i>FEAP</i>
<i>April 08</i>	<i>Consensus final stakeholders meeting</i>	<i>All stakeholders</i>	<b>Europe</b>	<i>140</i>	<i>EAS</i>
<i>May 08</i>	<i>Conference Eastern Baltic Aquaculture</i>	<i>Policy makers/ research/NGOs Farmers/Fishers</i>	<b>Europe</b>	<i>150</i>	<i>EUROFISH/ FEAP</i>
<i>Aug 08</i>	<i>Aquanor</i>	<i>Research/Farmers</i>	<b>Northern Europe</b>	<i>15.000</i>	<i>FEAP/EAS</i>
<i>Sept 08</i>	<i>International Conference on EU Aquaculture</i>	<i>Policy makers/ research/NGOs Farmers</i>	<b>Europe</b>	<i>300</i>	<i>FEAP</i>
<i>Sep 08</i>	<i>Aquaculture Europe 2008</i>	<i>Research/Farmers</i>	<b>Europe</b>	<i>700</i>	<i>FEAP/EAS</i>
<i>From June 09</i>	<i>Final Project Report (PDF and CD)</i>	<i>Research/Farmers</i>	<b>World</b>	<i>Public</i>	<i>FEAP</i>

#### Publishable results

The main publishable results are the Technical Leaflets, the Policy documents and the conclusions/recommendation which have also been prepared and have been published on the website.

A final report summarising the results of the workshops, the presentations, the conclusions and recommendations that can be downloaded from the website have been prepared are the final product of the project.