

NAVIGATING THE FUTURE OF EU AQUACULTURE THROUGH ENERGY TRANSITION

Organised by the Energy Transition Partnership set under DG MARE (European Commission).

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Online

Background

Building on insights from the first round of working groups and previous workshops held under the Energy Transition Partnership (ETP) for EU fisheries and aquaculture, launched in June 2023, the ETP is now launching a new series of consultations to further advance the implementation of the [EC Communication](#).

The first workshop focused on identifying the key [challenges, as well as potential solutions](#) for the energy transition in the aquaculture sector. Building on these insights, this upcoming workshop will refine and advance stakeholder input for the sector's energy transition roadmap. This roadmap will serve as a pathway toward achieving climate neutrality in aquaculture by 2050. It will cover several areas, including regulatory and economic context, financing, innovation and research, skills and data.

The discussion will be informed by the findings and recommendations of the **10 Working Groups** operating under the ETP's [Support Group](#).

Workshops Objectives and Deliverables

The workshop aims to:

- **Assess progress:** Present the current state of the Working Group's (WG) efforts on the energy transition roadmap.
- **Analyse initial findings:** Discuss preliminary results and identify synergies to refine recommendations and develop practical solutions for the aquaculture sector.
- **Showcase innovations and best practices:** Highlight successful case studies to inspire replication and document future measures to speed up the energy transition of aquaculture.

The deliverables will include a comprehensive summary report detailing the outcomes of the session, which will be used as input for the design of the roadmap for the energy transition for EU fisheries and aquaculture, expected by beginning of 2026

AGENDA

15 April 2025, 13:30-17:30 CET – workshop dedicated to inland and offshore aquaculture

13:30 – 13:45

Opening

Welcome and context of the workshop (**DG MARE**)

Aim of the workshop (**Christina Christoforou**, ETP Assistance Mechanism)

13:45 – 14:15

Setting the scene

Inland and Offshore Aquaculture Working Groups progress (**Eva Kovacs** - SG Coordinator for Inland Aquaculture & **Julie Maguire** - SG Leader for Offshore Aquaculture)

14:15 – 15:10

Innovative solutions for energy transition in Inland and Offshore Aquaculture

Renata Serradeiro, Flatlantic

Miha Štular, Chamber of Agriculture and Forestry of Slovenia, Agricultural and Forestry Institute Kranj – Project: Sustainable Aquaculture Center

David Bassett, General Secretary EATIP - European Aquaculture Technology and Innovation Platform

SLIDO will be used to support gathering the feedback and Q&A

15:10 – 15:30

Coffee break

15:30 – 16:45

Driving together the aquaculture transition challenge

Participants will be divided into groups, each focusing on a set of proposed recommendations relevant for the energy transition in inland and offshore aquaculture. Using interactions and role-playing, groups will refine and improve the actionable recommendations tailored to the sector. Each team will present their findings and proposed solutions in a dynamic discussion format.

16:45 – 17:15

Summary of the outcomes

Each group will have maximum 5 minutes to present the results.

17:15 – 17:30

Closing

(DG MARE, Inland and offshore Support Group Coordinators)

Target Audience and Expected Inputs

The **workshop is open to all stakeholders interested in advancing the energy transition for inland and offshore aquaculture**. Participants should represent diverse sectors and perspectives that contribute to overcoming challenges, identifying solutions, and driving innovation in sustainable energy adoption. Stakeholders may include:

- Aquaculture associations or companies.
- NGOs, Advisory Councils, and advocacy organizations focused on aquaculture sustainability.
- Researchers, academics, and innovators in energy and marine technology.
- Representatives from the financial sector, including private investors, insurers, and funding organizations.
- Local, regional, and national policymakers, including Member States and EMFAF correspondents.

Participants are encouraged to actively engage, sharing their perspectives and expertise to craft actionable and innovative solutions.

Workshop Format

Participants from all regions and governance levels are invited to attend, representing diverse organizations and sectors linked to fisheries, aquaculture, and sustainable energy. **The event is online.** Live interpretation will be available in selected languages based on demand submitted via the registration form and up to 4 languages. Additionally, automatic transcription will be provided online in all 24 EU languages.

Opportunities during the workshop include:

- **Plenary presentations:** Presentations to share diverse perspectives, inform best practices and consolidate recommendations.
- **Interactive sessions:** Collaborative discussions to refine challenges, develop solutions, and explore innovative practices.
- **Stakeholders networking:** For in-person participants, opportunities to engage directly with funding and energy experts to discuss specific needs or projects.

Preparation:

Participants can prepare their participation by having reviewed the agenda, briefing documents, and the ETP outcomes produced so far, available on the Maritime Forum dedicated [community](#). This groundwork will ensure productive contributions to the discussions.

Feedback:

Participating stakeholders will be given the opportunity to provide **feedback within two weeks after the workshop**. This feedback will inform future workshops and will be inspiring the content of the roadmap to be prepared for early 2026.

Logistics

The workshop will take place on 15 April 2025 online, from 13:30 to 17:30 CET, as follows:

- **Registration Process:** An application form will need to be completed in order to register your participation. Additional details about the workshop, including the application form, can be found on our [event page and registration link](#).
- **Language:** The workshop will be conducted in English. Live interpretation will be available in selected languages based on demand submitted via the registration form and up to 4 languages. Additionally, automatic transcription will be provided online in all 24 EU languages.

All attendees are requested to:

- Participate actively throughout the workshop.
- Maintain a collaborative and constructive attitude.

GDPR policy

By applying to participate in this workshop, you are confirming that you are happy for photos, video and comments made by yourself to be publicly viewable online. If you do not wish for photos, videos or comments to be taken, please let us know by contacting us at MARE-ENERGY-TRANSITION@ec.europa.eu. The Data Protection Notice (available for consultation during the registration process in the registration link) contains information about our compliance with GDPR (EU data protection law). In this document you can find how to send us a request to let you access your data that we have collected, request us to delete your data, correct any inaccuracies or restrict our processing of your data.