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REVIEW STRATEGIC GUIDELINES EU AQUACULTURE

fresh,
local,
healthy



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EU aquaculture policy

Exchange of best practices (OMC)

Consolidation

EU Guidelines

Review 2020

National Strategic Plans

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EMFF

Operational Programmes 2021-2027

A stronger role for aquaculture?

European Green Deal

"sustainable seafood as a source of low-carbon food"

"process to identify new innovative food and feed products, such as seafood based on algae"

Farm to Fork

"Farmed fish and seafood generate a lower carbon footprint than animal production on land"

"algae should become an important source of alternative protein for a sustainable food system and global food security"

Targets F2F: significant increase in organic aquaculture and 50% reduction in antimicrobial use

Other (e.g. Bioeconomy Strategy, Biodiversity Strategy, Climate Change)

Green Recovery

Food security

The value of “local”, integration accross value chains, short-supply circuits

Economic crisis

Recovery and resilience with Green ambition

Key objectives of the review

**Growth, sustainability,
resilience and
competitiveness**

Consolidate
lessons
learnt

Aquaculture
meets
societal
demands

Maximise
impact on
performance

**Green
recovery**

Process towards the adoption of a new Strategy

- *Inter-service group*
- *Consultations MS experts and AAC (June)*
- **Public consultation** (until 27 October)
- *Adoption- first quarter 2021*

Scope: key guiding principles

Blue Farming for a European Green Deal 2021-2030

**Growth and
competitiveness**

Sustainability

Diversification

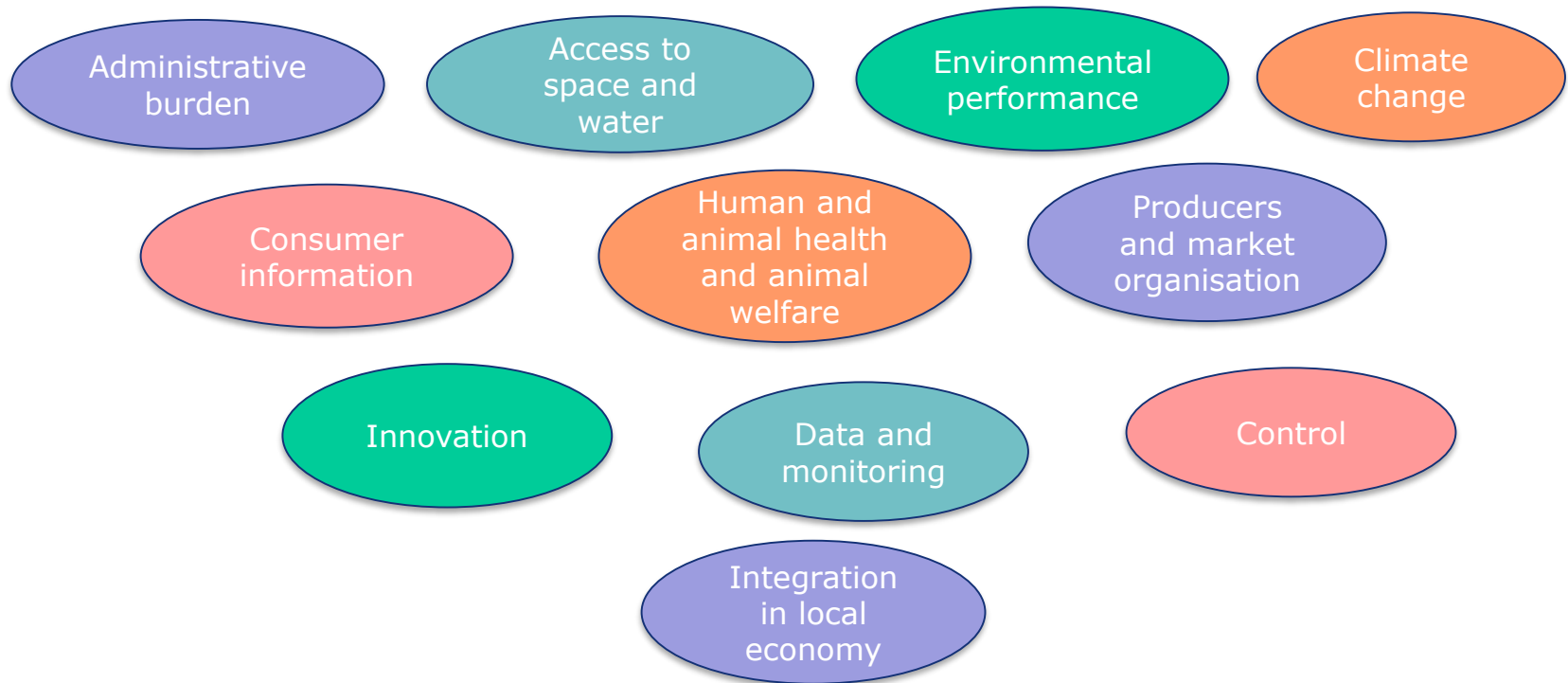
Innovation

**Communicating
value**

Structure of the Guidelines

- **General vision** and objectives and challenges
- **Guidelines** per area, including some specific guidelines for shellfish sector and inland aquaculture
- **Recommended actions**

Issues to be addressed under the new Strategy



1. Access to space and water

- ***Spatial planning***: marine (inc. offshore)/inland, inland (freshwater, RAS), conversion to aquaculture/restoration, Natura 2000.shellfish, IMTA, multi-use.
- ***Climate change***
- ***Areas suitable for aquaculture***: principles guiding the process

Recommended actions (COM): Guidance document

2. Administrative burden

- Streamlining regulation
- National aquaculture entity involving all stakeholders
- One-stop-shop for licensing
- Long-term licensing with monitoring and sanctions for non-compliance

Recommended action (COM): Guidance document; (MS) creating a national entity with all relevant stakeholders.

3. Communicating EU aquaculture

- **Mix of tools:** labelling and branding, communication campaigns, opening of the sector, early involvement of stakeholders, promotion of short-supply circuits and local.
- *Recommended action: (COM) study on impacts of EU aquaculture, review of marketing standards (F2F), EU-wide Communication campaign involving all stakeholders. Stakeholders event, promotion of self-regulatory initiatives by the sector.*

4. Environmental performance

- **Limitation of negative impact** (sustainable feed, pharmaceuticals and other chemical substances, diversification to lower impact aquaculture, promoting organic aquaculture, environmental monitoring and risk management, circular economy approach, renewable energy).
- **Promotion of positive impact** (environmental services)

Recommended actions: (COM) Guidance document (good practices, indicators, monitoring); (MS) (AAC) dissemination of good practices; full integration of environmental aspects in planning and licensing, support more environmentally performant aquaculture.

5. Climate Change

- ***Climate adaptation of the sector- sector specific plan***
- ***Climate mitigation- contribution of the sector***
- *Follow up: (COM) Guidance on climate adaptation, (MS) Sector-specific climate adaptation plans.*

6. Health and animal welfare

- *Disease management (non-listed species, investigation, norovirus)*
- *Medicines*
- *Good practices*
- *Further research and innovation*

Recommended action: mapping of good husbandry practices, development of a code of good practice on fish welfare.

Other areas of work identified

7. Producer and market Organisations

8. Research and innovation

9. Integration in local communities

10. Control

11. Data and monitoring

What's next?

Assistance mechanism

- *Guidance and technical support*
- *On-line platform*
- ***Stakeholders' event***
- ***Communication campaign***

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