

Aquaculture Europe 2025 will be held in Spain



We are happy to announce that AE2025 will take place in the CITY OF VALENCIA (Valencia Conference Centre) from September 22-25, 2025.

The “working title” for the theme of AE2025 is **Aquaculture for/with Everyone**, to demonstrate the concept of co-creation and show that aquaculture development is feasible and compatible with the environmental and spatial integrity of our coastal areas; with the regeneration and sustainability option of our primary sectors; with the economic well-being for important food value chains; with the professional formation of many local human capital and with the long-life learning needs of our public administrations.

The bid from Spain enshrined this principle in their proposal, with enthusiastic support from the Valencia Regional Government (Innovation, University, Science and Digitalization Council), the Spanish Ministry of Agriculture, Fisheries and Food MAPA, the Spanish Aquaculture Observatory coordinate by the Biodiversity Foundation of the Ministry for Ecological Transition and Demographic Challenge MITECO, the Spanish Aquaculture Producers Association (APROMAR), the Spanish Technological Platform for Fisheries and Aquaculture (PTEPA) and the Municipality of València City.

Dr. Jaume Pérez-Sánchez – Institute of Aquaculture Torre de la Sal (IATS), The Spanish National Research Council (CSIC) – will chair the AE2025 Steering Committee, with participation of the above partners.

Valencia area is one of the most important aquaculture regions of Spain, not just in terms of production, but also in aquaculture science. The Valencia Community was the highest producer of farmed fish in Spain in 2021 with 14,575 tonnes (of sea bream, sea bass, meagre and eel), followed by Murcia with 11,368 tonnes, Andalusia with 8,664 tonnes, Galicia with 8,314 tonnes and the Canary Islands with 5,676 tonnes. The Government of Valencia has actively promoted the economic and technological development of the regional aquaculture sector, and the CSIC and the Valencian Universities, with hundreds of R&D projects and international actions, have turned the region into one of the main references in the development of marine sciences and aquaculture sector.

The Valencian Council for Innovation and the Spanish Ministry of Science and Innovation will co-fund between 2022 and 2025 a multidisciplinary research program of excellence in Marine Sciences “GVA-ThinkInAzul”. This is a Next Generation Research EU program with the participation of CSIC and public and private Valencian Universities with the aim to mitigate the negative effects of climate change on the blue economy and the conservation of the marine environment and aquaculture production. The program is coordinated by IATS, CSIC and the University of Alacant with the participation of the València Polytechnic University, University of València, Miguel Hernández University of Elx, Jaume I University of Castelló and Catholic University of València. This marine and aquaculture research program will be finishing by the time AE2025, and the event will therefore be a platform to communicate the outcomes of this important research initiative.

AE2025 will comprise a scientific conference, sectorial meetings, trade exhibition, industry forums, workshops, student events and receptions. The event will be a showcase for Spain, but also a meeting and exchange platform for experts from around the world.

**We look forward to welcoming you to AE2025 in Valencia !
September 22-25, 2025.**

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