



Cooperation in Fisheries, Aquaculture and Seafood Processing – Project

**European Seafood processing challenges
– Stakeholder Conversation**

COFASP Project Case Study

April 23rd - 24th 2015

Location:

Brussels EXPO, Brussels Belgium, Meeting Room 1124

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European Seafood processing challenges



Topic

Seafood processing challenges

Objective

The objective is to identify the European seafood processing industry needs for research. The focus will be on Sustainability, logistics, optimisation of processes, markets and consumer aspects. Accomplishing this through stakeholder conversation.

A unique opportunity presents itself as Funding Agencies and RTD organizations will have a direct dialog with key industrial stakeholders of the European seafood processing industry. The parties will discuss and sharpen the outline of future RTD efforts in order to maximize its impact for the industry. In order to secure improvement in the performance of the industry through research and innovation. As well to focus the attention of funding Agencies on issues that have the potential to have a widespread positive impact on the European Seafood processing industry.

COFASP partners that fund seafood processing research and innovation will participate. Funding agencies from other ministries/countries other than the COFASP partners are invited. Key external stakeholders in seafood processing, represented by European Organizations like the AIPCE, FEAP and EUfishmeal as well as representatives from National organizations and single companies. Representatives from the Aquaculture participate. "Cultivated species need eventually processing as the wild spices". Stakeholders that market seafood products and witness consumer perspectives first hand participate as well as representatives of the fishing industry.

Research and development provide the knowledge and knowhow for industries to improve their performance and to create more value for society. Seafood processing has benefited and will benefit from research and development. Control of the production process, ecological and environmental sustainability is necessary but not sufficient alone to ensure the economic sustainability of European seafood processing enterprises. European Fisheries and processing face fierce competition in the global marketplace. The key challenge is to maximize the yield of catches while minimize energy consumption and optimize all value chain processes. European seafood often comes from sustainable stocks, is healthy to eat and preliminary studies show that it is associated with comparatively low environmental impact. In an ideal world, this would give these products a competitive advantage and higher price in the market, but currently this is not necessarily the case. Therefore, it is necessary to disseminate relevant value chain improvements information to all stakeholders in an innovative way.



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Agenda

Day 1

April 23rd 2015

13:00

Welcome and Background of COFASP - European Efforts towards enhanced research and development to improve European Fisheries, Seafood Processing and Aquaculture

Mr. Niels Gøtke, Danish Agency for Science Technology and Innovation

13:15

COFASP Foresight report in relation to seafood processing

Mr. Luc van Hoof, Wageningen University & Research Centre

13:40

Urgent matters and priorities in seafood processing. Stakeholder view on guidelines for research and development benefiting seafood processing.

Presentations by

- **Mr. Guus Pastoor**, President of AIPCE European Fish Processors Association & Dutch Fish Processors and Traders Federation
- **Mrs. Anne Mette Bæk Jespersen**, Director of Marine Ingredients Denmark & Head of Secretariat of EUfishmeal
- **Mr. Courtney Hough**, General Secretary of Federation of European Aquaculture Producers
- **Mr. Terje E. Martinussen**, Managing Director of Norwegian Seafood Council
- **Mr. Jens Garðar Helgason**, Chairman of Fisheries Iceland

15:00

Coffee break

15:15

Panel Discussions with stakeholders

16:45

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18:00

Day closes

Day 2

April 24th 2015

09:00

Are we in line with the need? In terms of Day-to-Day operations, Processes, Logistics, Market aspects, Consumer perspectives and Sustainability - Discussions

11:30

Wrap up

12:00

Day closes

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