

Com(municating)Fish project

We are preparing a four year EU ComFish project under the call: KBBE.2011.1.4-02: Strengthening the impact of fisheries related research through dissemination, communication and technology transfer

European fisheries policies may have the closest and most immediate links with science. However, there is very little public knowledge or understanding on what fisheries research is doing. The uptake of research results and dissemination towards managers, policy-makers, the industry and the EU citizens is of paramount importance in order to deliver an efficient support to policies, transfer of knowledge, and societal acceptance.

The objectives of the ComFish project are to increase dissemination of scientific knowledge on fisheries related research (i.e. Ecosystem approach to fisheries management, fisheries management and governance) and to explore mechanisms to improve communication between scientists, industry, policy makers, stakeholders and the society at large, including the media.

The project expected impacts will include:

- a greater integration of research actors and activities from across the European Union.
- a better communication between the different actors taking also into account economic and social perspectives;
- improvement of dissemination towards the main end-users (EU citizens);
- improvement of the transfer of knowledge from research and scientific advice to management and the fisheries sector;

The ComFish project will do the following:

- the organization of 4 regional (Baltic, North Sea, Atlantic, Mediterranean) meetings with stakeholders from at least 4 countries in the particular region
- standardized reporting from the meetings, so comparisons can be made
- project member focus meetings to formulate consensus recommendations
- dissemination activities, including multimedia production.

We would like to know if your organization could participate in the ComFish project as a partner. **The key prerequisites are the following:**

- a) to mobilize and provide representatives of your member organization to attend focus meetings in different regions of Europe.
- b) to contribute and comment on key policy documents we will prepare (likely directly through cooperation with experts chosen from your member organizations) from the outcome of the focus meetings and suggest content for communication activities

As a project partner, there will be a budget of **EURO 25 000** to cover expenses, which include: (50/50%) personnel and travel / meeting organization costs.

Once you join, we would only need your administrative information, one page summary about the organization, the contact person(s) and a page summary about the current status of your activities.