

Final Scientific Conference - ECO-FISH project - Ecological Footprint in fish farming Press Release

As part of the ECO-FISH project, on Friday 14-5-2021, the Final Scientific Conference was held with great success through the online presentation of the project results and the prospects of business development in the sector of fish farming, for both Greek and Albanian participation.

The event was also broadcasted live via the Interreg ECO-FISH Project Facebook page.

During the event, the Rector of University of Ioannina Mr. Triantafyllos Albanis, welcoming the speakers and the participants, referred to the environmental footprint monitoring practices in aquaculture, but also to the carbon life cycle assessment practices which applied to selected fish farms in Greece and Albania. He also referred to the successful cooperation between the university and the business community in an area that is a priority in the cross-border area of the two countries.

The Dean of the School of Agriculture, University of Ioannina Ms. Athina Tzora strongly supported the ECO-FISH project implementation and in particular the development of appropriate, scientifically acceptable tools for monitoring and reducing the environmental footprint in fish farming.

The general overview and results of the project was presented by the scientific coordinator of the project Mr. Ioannis Skoufos, Professor of the Department of Agriculture, University of Ioannina. He stated in detail the results of the project and the production of innovation in aquaculture technologies in the cross-border areas of Greece-Albania.

Greetings also addressed the Deputy Regional Governor of Thesprotia Mr. Thomas Pitoulis, the Chairman of Vlora Region Mr. Ervis Mocka, a Member of Parliament for ND Thesprotia Mr. Vassilios Giogiakas, a Member of Parliament for SYRIZA Thesprotia Mr. Marios Katsis, the Mayor of Filiates Mr. Spyridon Pappas, the Prime Minister Consultant Mr. Grigorios Varras, the President of Chamber of Thesprotia Mr. Alexandros Paschos, the Chairman of Chamber of Vlora Mr. Arben Breshani, the Head of Joint Secretariat of the Interreg IPA CBC Programme "Greece - Albania 2014-2020" Mr. George Papadopoulos and the Project Officer of the Interreg IPA Cross-Border Cooperation Programme "Greece - Albania 2014-2020", Joint Secretariat, Ms. Katerina Tsamouri.

For the ECO-FISH experience talked the ECO-FISH Beneficiaries and fish farmers from Greece and Albania Mr. Petros Zoumpoulis, Mr. Simo Ribaj, Mr. Ioannis Hekimoglou, Mr. Stavros Tokas and Ms. Blerina Dhrami.

The influence of the diet and its ingredients in the environmental footprint in fish farming was presented by the Director of Laboratory of Nutrition, Faculty of Veterinary Medicine of the Aristotle University of Thessaloniki Mr. Ilias Giannenas.

The Ichthyologist Mr. Costas Perdikaris, Department of Fisheries of the Regional Unit of Thesprotia, Region of Epirus, spoke about the marine fish farming sectors in Sagiada and Albania while Mr. Artur Ribaj presented a review of Public Reports associated to Albanian Fish Farms.

During the last session of the event, the Head of the Department of Fisheries of the Regional Unit of Thesprotia, Region of Epirus, Mr. Evangelos Konstantinidis spoke on the evaluation of the life cycle assessment in the two fish farms in the cross-border areas and the major practices that influence the environmental footprint in this area. After the open discussion session, the event was concluded with the common belief that ECO-FISH is a highly innovative project that will be adopted and utilized very soon by the fish farmers of both countries, adding value to the fish industry.

