

Actors of knowledge and innovation systems (KIS) for organic aquaculture in Greece

Problem

The Greek organic advisory system has limited access to information on organic aquaculture and lacks personalised, specialised technical support for fish farmers transitioning to organic methods.

Solution

This practice abstract lists current providers of organic advisory services for fish farmers in transition to organic in Greece (Figure 1).

Benefits

KIS for organic aquaculture thrives on several dedicated actors supporting the development of organic farming providing technical support, administrative assistance, and trainings. Farmers seeking advice on specific topics can contact the organisations recommended in this practice abstract.

Applicability box

Theme

Organic Aquaculture management - Standards, regulations and certification

Keywords

Organic advisory services, conversion factors, KIS, advisory service

Context

Greece

Practical recommendations

- **Technical support:** Support in the transition phase with a focus on professional and technical areas, and with opportunities for collaboration in co-creation, Living Labs, and on-farm experiments: Hellenic Centre for Marine Research, Hellenic Agricultural Organization-ELGO Dimitra
- **Information on organic certification requirements:** Certification bodies (Agrocet, BioHellas, TÜVHellas)
- **Free or low-cost training programmes** on organic farming at different levels of the education system: Universities (e.g., Aristotle University of Thessaloniki, Agricultural University of Athens, University of Patras, University of Thessaly)
- **Administrative assistance:** mainly in the application process for organic subsidies: Advisors working in the network of Geotechnical Chambers of Agriculture, independent advisors.



Figure 1: Who can fish farmers turn for advice to on organic aquaculture in Greece?



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Further information

Videos

- [Hellenic Aquaculture Producers Organisation](#)
- [Greek organic aquaculture - European Aquaculture Society talk \(EAS\)](#)

Further reading

- [National National Strategic Plan on Aquaculture \(GR\)](#)
- [Hellenic Aquaculture Producers Organisation](#)

Weblinks

- Check the [Organic Farm Knowledge platform](#) for more practical recommendations.

Other useful links:

- [Ministry of Rural Development and Food](#)
- [Aristotle University of Thessaloniki, School of Veterinary Medicine, Laboratory of Aquaculture and Aquatic Animal diseases](#)
- [Hellenic Centre of Marine Research \(HCMR\)](#)

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