

FISHERY, AQUACULTURE AND CONSERVATION

KEY TAKEAWAYS FROM THE 1ST BLUEMISSIONMED STAKEHOLDER FORUM



CHALLENGE #1

Fragmented policies at EU and national level, law and regulatory gaps in policies.



SOLUTIONS

-  Inclusive and participatory policies to support and incentivise sustainable fisheries practices, promote stakeholders driven policies and implementation plans;
-  Coordinated laws and actions between sectors and geographical levels (e.g., local, European).

CHALLENGE #2

Lack of liaison among research and fishing industry; Improved data quality and additional research on innovative technologies; Introduce cost-effective technologies for producers.



SOLUTION

Support dialogue and co-creation of solutions involving different stakeholders in the sector through well trained facilitators/intermediaries, involving policy makers, fishers, industry, NGOs and scientists.

CHALLENGE #3

Missing commitment of stakeholders and supporting environment (recycling facilities; capacity building...) for a better implementation of Plastic Strategy in a Circular Economy.

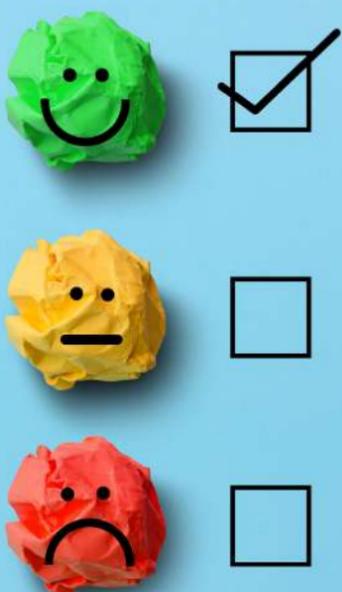


SOLUTIONS

-  Creation of an innovation ecosystem (awareness, knowledge, economic and legal) to support the transition to sustainable fishery;
-  Create a critical mass of fishers at local level to implement innovative initiatives.

CHALLENGE #4

Lack of adequate evaluation (LCA and risk assessment) mechanisms.



SOLUTION

Need to reinforce the monitoring and risk-assessment along the entire value-chain to evaluate the impacts of alternative solutions.

CHALLENGE #5

Cost of new technologies, investors & banks are not willing to invest in innovative solutions in the sector. De-risk when implementing new solutions. Lack of sufficient successful business models.





SOLUTIONS

- 🐟 Bring-in proven technological solutions from other sectors (e.g. maritime, agriculture);
- 🐟 Keep on investing in R&I to find acceptable solutions responding to pressing challenges;
- 🐟 Incentivise frontrunners in innovation;
- 🐟 Support existing industrial clusters as drivers of innovation.

CHALLENGE #6

Lack of awareness (including science evidence and awareness of impacts) and skills (transition requires new expertise).



SOLUTIONS

- 🐟 Capacity building for different stakeholders in the sector (including decision makers);
- 🐟 Increase the awareness and involvement of fishers in training and educational activities;
- 🐟 Share good practices and network, promote communities of practice.

This document collects the main takeaways emerged during the 1st BlueMissionMed Stakeholder Forum and has been elaborated by the facilitators of the session to be used as a starting point for future activities.



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