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Tapping into blue growth:

the way forward for European aquaculture

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08:30 – 09:00 **Registration and welcome**

09:00 – 09:20 **Opening remarks**

- **Mr Karmenu Vella,** European Commissioner for Environment, Maritime Affairs and Fisheries
- **Mr Martijn van Dam,** Minister for Agriculture and Fisheries of The Netherlands
- **Ms Linnéa Engström,** MEP, Vice Chair of the Committee on Fisheries of the European Parliament

09:20 – 10-00 **Opening panel**

Moderator: **Ms Katrina Sichel,** Wit and Word Communications

- **Mr Arnault Chaperon,** President of the Federation of European Aquaculture Producers
- **Mr Giuseppe Prioli,** President of the European association of molluscs farmers
- **Ms Ann Dom,** Deputy Director, Seas At Risk

10:00 – 11:00 **Stakeholders' engagement in the aquaculture agenda**

Chair: **Ms Marianne Wenning,** Director, DG Environment, European Commission

- **Stakeholder engagement at the EU level:** the Aquaculture Advisory Council **– Mr Jean-Claude Cueff,** Interim Chairman, Aquaculture Advisory Council
- **Stakeholder engagement at national and regional level:** the experience of Spain **– Mr Ramón de la Figuera Morales,** Deputy Director of National Fishing Grounds, Union Waters and Aquaculture, Spain
- **Engaging the industry and NGOs in the definition of technical standards:** the experience of Scotland **– Mr Willie Cowan,** Head of Performance, Aquaculture and Recreational Fisheries, Marine Scotland, United Kingdom

11:00 – 11:30 *Coffee break*

Information booths: EU Production overview, Farmed in the EU, DG Research and Innovation, European Commission

11:30 – 13:00 **Creating a positive environment for innovation**

Chair: **Mr John Bell,** Director, DG Research and Innovation, European Commission

- **Promoting innovation in Swedish aquaculture – Ms Malin Skog,** Senior analyst, Swedish Agency for Marine and Water Management, Sweden
- **Single law on aquaculture in Greece – Ms Angeliki Kallara,** Director, Directorate of Aquaculture & Products Utilisation, Ministry of Rural Development & Food, Greece
- **Innovation in traditional ponds:** experiences from Hungary **– Mr Péter Lengyel,** Head of aquaculture unit, Ministry of Agriculture of Hungary
- **Innovation and education – Ms Margriet Drouillon,** Aquaculture Business Developer, University of Ghent, Belgium

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13:00 – 14:00 *Lunch*
kindly offered by The Netherlands presidency of the Council of the EU

14:00 – 15:00 **Exploiting opportunities: success stories**
Chair: **Mr Ernesto Penas Lado,** Director, DG Maritime Affairs and Fisheries, European Commission

- **Implementing the blue growth strategy:** the Dutch approach to multi-use of off shore platforms **– Ms Marieke H. Mossink,** Deputy Director European Agricultural, Fisheries and Aquaculture Policy and Food Security Department, The Netherlands
- **Providing for high value niche markets – Mr Michel Berthommier,** Producer and Agricultural Engineer for sturgeon, l'Esturgeonnière, France
- **Research and development in aquaculture – Mr Tamás Bardócz,** Senior Consultant Aquaculture Development, AquaBioTech Group, Malta
- **Growing exports and diversifying the business model – Mr Richard Donnelly,** Business planner, BIM, Ireland

15:00 – 15:30 *Coffee break*
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15:30 – 16:30 **What do we expect from European aquaculture?**
Moderator: **Ms Katrina Sichel,** Wit and Word Communications

- **Mr Malcolm Beveridge,** Head of the Aquaculture Branch, Fisheries and Aquaculture Department of the Food and Agriculture Organisation of the United Nations
- **Mr François Simard,** Deputy Director and Senior Advisor for Fisheries, International Union for Conservation of Nature
- **Mr Hyacinthe Cloarec,** Director Global Fish Management, METRO Group

16:30 – 16:45 **Closing remarks:**
Ms Gabriela Matečná, Minister for Agriculture and Rural Development of the Slovak Republic

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