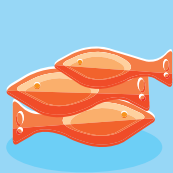




Latvia: Multiannual national plan for the development of sustainable aquaculture an overview

Current situation



**Total volume
(2013):**
644
tonnes



**Total value
(2013):**
1.6 million
euro



**Latvia's contribution to
EU aquaculture:**
0.05% volume
0.04% value

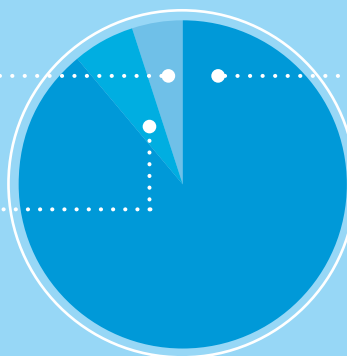
Main species by volume

Others

36 t
6.1%

Trout

29 t
4.9%



Carp

529 t
89.1%

● Freshwater finfish

Source of data: Eurostat



National Growth Objectives (2014-2022)



Production volume from 644 tonnes in 2013 to **2 256 tonnes** in 2023
(250 % increase)¹.

● **Overall labour productivity** 20% increase in terms of € / person by 2020¹.

¹ According to Latvia's Operational Programme for Fisheries Development 2014- 2020.



Response to the strategic guidelines



Simplify administrative procedures:

- Improvement of data collection to allow better evaluation of economic growth and return on investments.
- Review and improvement of aquaculture performance indicators.



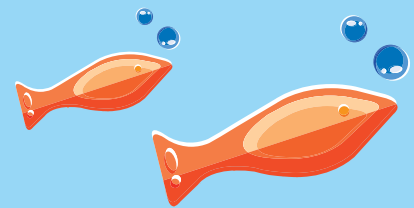
Enhance competitiveness:

- Support for developing environmentally-friendly production technologies and increasing product promotion.
- Support of technical development and innovation.
- A competence centre is being developed to improve life-long learning and a stronger cooperation among researchers and aquaculture enterprises to improve knowledge transfer.

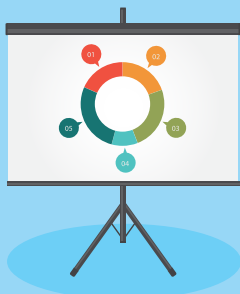


Coordinated spatial planning:

- As the availability of space for inland aquaculture activity is not considered a planning issue, no specific activities are detailed for Latvia.



Best practices



The Plan identifies a number of examples of best practise, including:

- Training: e.g. through the exchange of experiences and information and the establishment of an accredited training program for aquaculture provided by National Fisheries Network;
- Innovation and knowledge transfer: e.g. through the activities of the Complex Industrial Mechanical and Biological Research Centre which has been working on the development of recirculating aquaculture systems (RAS), a new generation of fish incubators, wild animal selection and domestication, and genetic engineering.

