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

Current situation

- **Total volume (2013):** 19,360 tonnes
- **Total value (2013):** 35 million euro
- **Czech Republic’s contribution to EU aquaculture:**
  - 1.60% volume
  - 0.88% value

Main species by volume

- **Carp:** 682 t (4%)
- **Trout:** 17,700 t (96%)

Source of data: Eurostat

National Growth Objectives (2014-2020)

- **Production volume** will remain at around 20,000 tonnes.
- **Production value** will remain at around 42.5 million euro.
  - 300% increase in production in recirculation systems.
  - 30% increase in processing
Response to the strategic guidelines

Simplify administrative procedures:
- Digitalization of all administrative procedures including funding applications. An internet-based “Farmers’ Portal” will be developed for this purpose.

Enhance competitiveness:
- Investment in the production of fish in recirculation systems, and development of innovative products and technologies.
- Financial support provided for technological improvements and the modernization of traditional pond farming, including increasing the efficiency of feeds and improvement to aquaculture product quality (e.g. reduction in handling, avoiding damage).

Level playing field:
- Investment in marketing strategies and communication campaigns aimed at increasing fish consumption.
- Czech regional and national labels currently exist to identify and promote product quality. These labels may be further developed and used in new promotion campaigns.

Best practices

The Plan identifies a number of examples of best practice covering different species, production systems and scales. Experience of several projects implemented under EFF will be disseminated as examples of best practice including:
- Intensive farming of trout in a recirculation system; and
- Production of carp with an increased Omega 3 content.

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