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- MedAID is a 7 million € and four-year project (May 2017-April 2021), funded by the European Union in the frame of Horizon 2020
- MedAID, together with PerformFISH, are two RIA (Research and Innovation Action) which have been approved under the call SFS-23-2016 *“Improving the technical performance of the Mediterranean aquaculture”*.
- **The main goal of MedAID is to increase the overall competitiveness and sustainability of the Mediterranean marine fish-farming sector, throughout the whole value chain.**

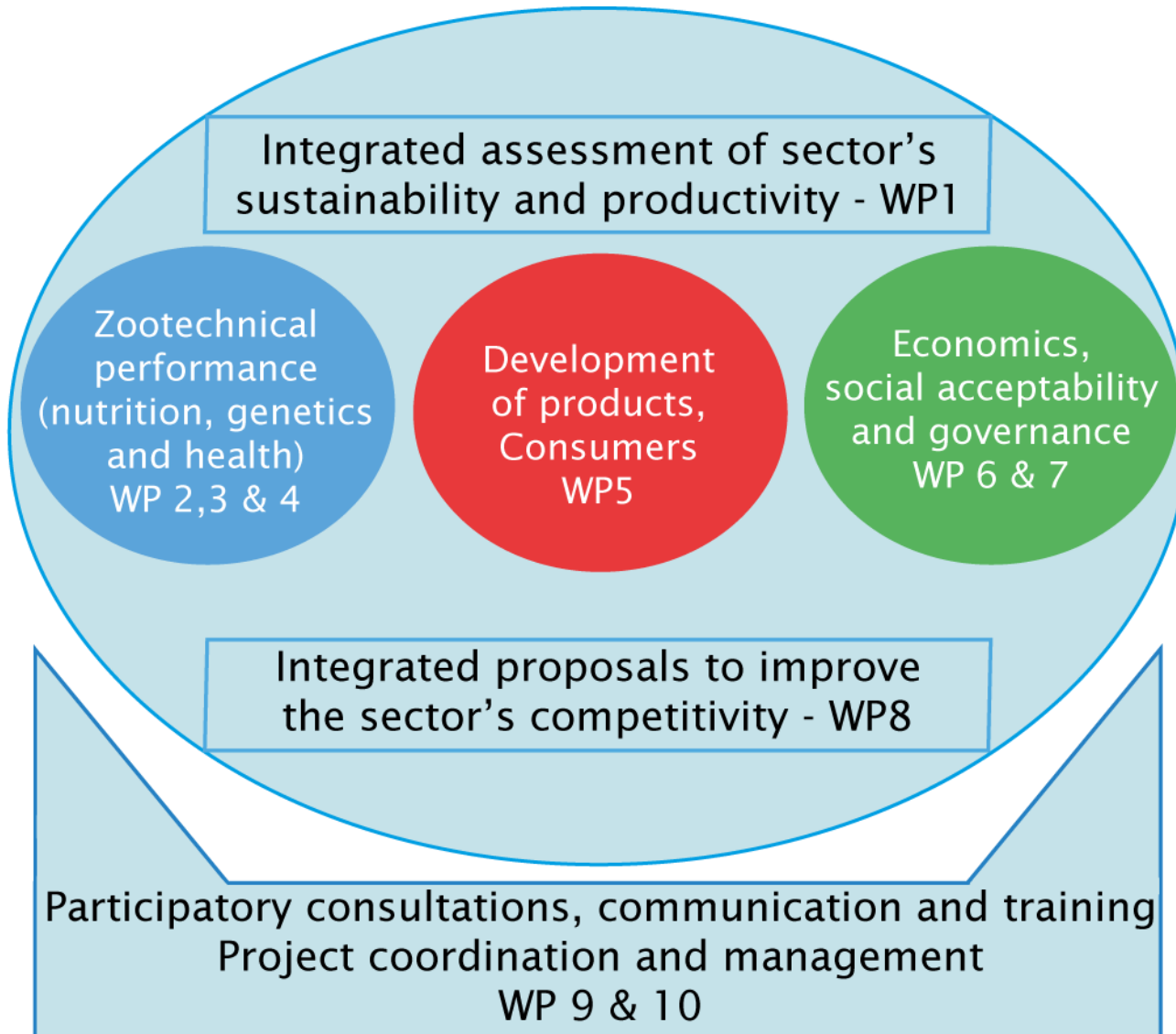
**holistic assessment**  
**identify the main constrains**

**practical approaches/recommendations to**  
**help integration, harmonisation and**  
**governance**

**development of innovative**  
**knowledge and tools**



# Project structure



# Main results & Impacts. WP1. Assessment

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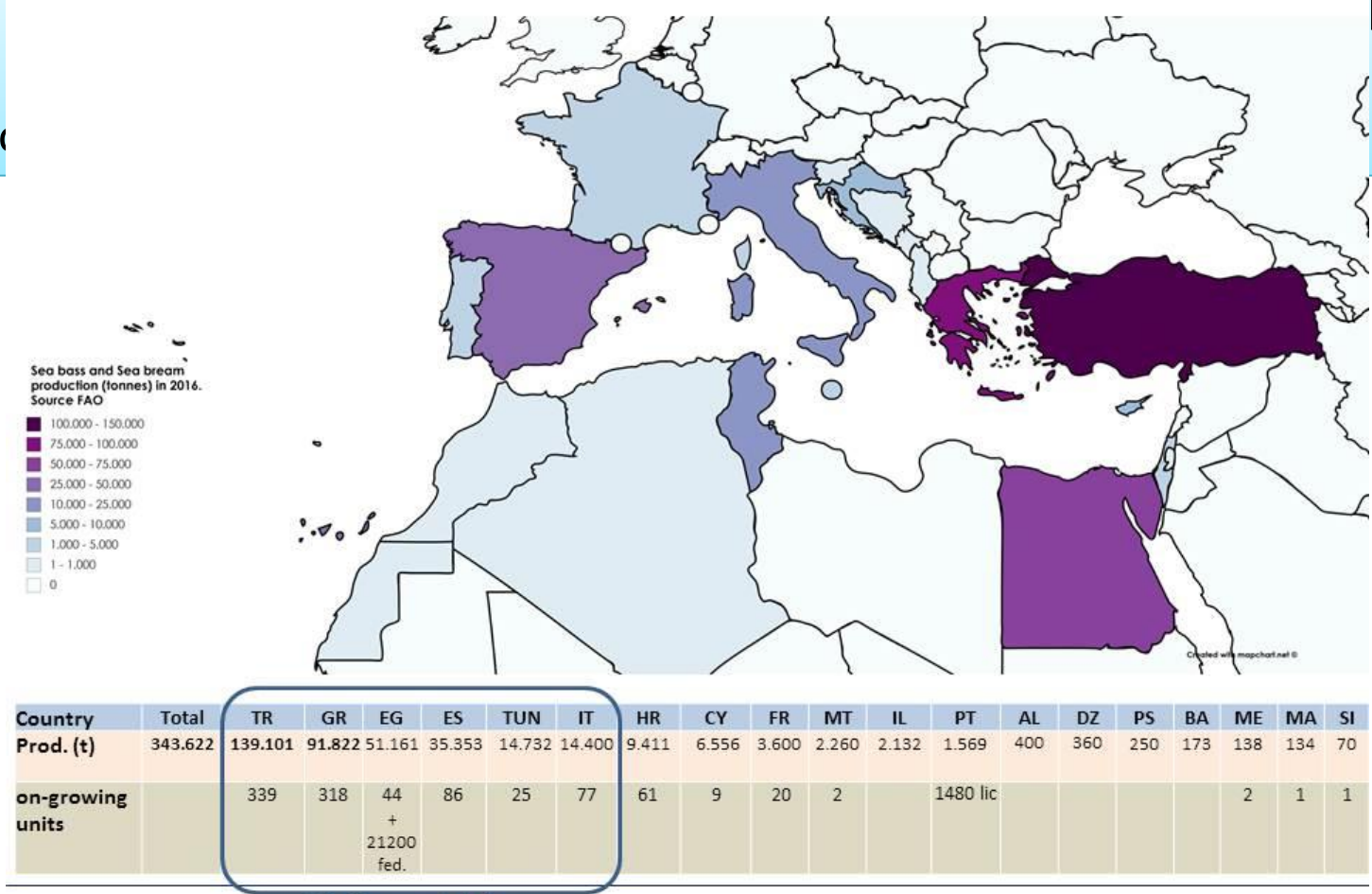


FIGURE 3. SEABASS AND SEABREAM PRODUCTION (TONNES) IN 2016 (SOURCE FAO) AND NUMBER OF ONGROWING UNITS (SOURCE MEDAID).

# Main results & Impacts. WP2. Zootechnics

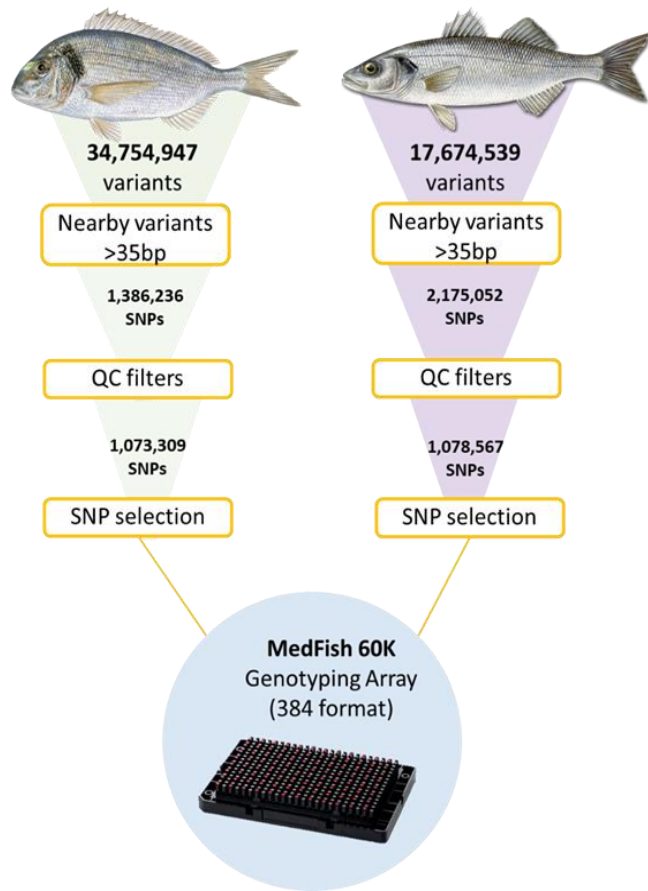
**WP2** focus on identifying zootechnical gaps to establish best management regimes and to obtain **optimal growth with minimal adiposity**, which consider both a correct welfare status and unfavourable farm conditions.

- i) Address the **problem of fat deposition** in European sea bass
- ii) Improve juvenile quality for ongrowing by understanding the role of **epigenetics**
- iii) Determine optimal conditions for juveniles for improving their performance during ongrowing
- iv) Reduce feed conversion rate, improve health and stress tolerance using **better rearing and feeding strategies**
- v) Improve welfare by **minimising stressful events using nutritional modulation** and/or immune stimulation



# Main results & Impacts. WP3. Genetics

**WP3**, in collaboration with PerformFISH, has developed a SNP chip, based on over 50 seabream and seabass populations from 11 Med. Countries (**Del. 3.1**). This tool will be use to:



- To discover genes **associated with production traits** in seabass and seabream.
- To characterize the **genetic diversity of representative populations** of farmed sea bass and sea bream, and test measures on inbreeding.
- To assess the extent for **GxE interaction for temperature and on production** efficiency for seabream.





# Main results & Impacts. WP4. Health

**WP4** has reviewed the **prevalence** of main diseases impacting Mediterranean marine fish farming and is implementing new **risk assessment tools**.

Strengthening of diagnostic capacities (PT test), improving communication and harmonization on diagnostic procedures (**Del.4.2.** )

**Diagnostic manual** for the main pathogens in European sea bass and Gilthead sea bream aquaculture

**VNN vaccine** is now ready for testing in experimental trials.

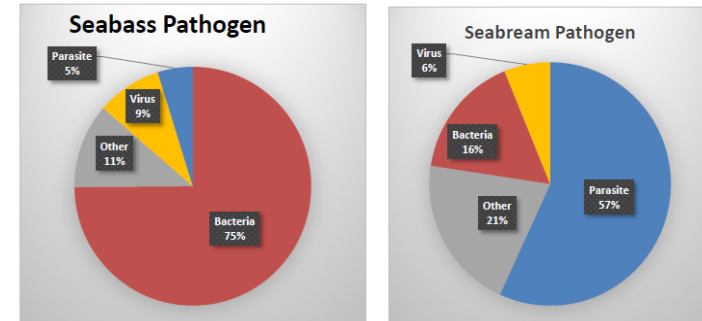
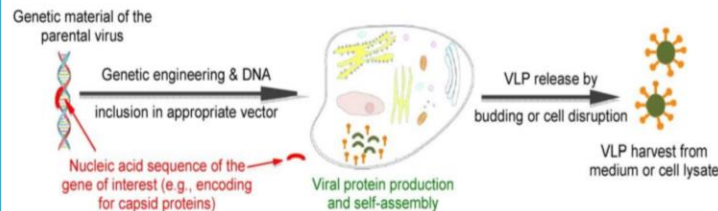


Figure 16. Reported diseases in seabass and seabream classified by pathogen group

**DIAGNOSTIC MANUAL FOR THE MAIN PATHOGENS IN EUROPEAN SEA BASS AND GILTHEAD SEA BREAM AQUACULTURE**

This manual is the definitive tool to improve laboratory competences, select the methods to be harmonized and secure confidence in test results throughout the Mediterranean basin

Printed copies on the journal «Option Méditerranéennes» soon available!

This diagnostic manual consists of the detailed protocols for sampling, shipping and receipt of samples in the laboratory, followed by protocols for diagnosis of the most important viral and bacterial diseases of Mediterranean fish

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The Manual has been developed under the framework of the MedAID project. MedAID is a European project aiming at increasing the overall competitiveness and sustainability of the Mediterranean marine fish farming sectors throughout the value chain

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DISEASES SUMMARY SHEETS AVAILABLE INSIDE!

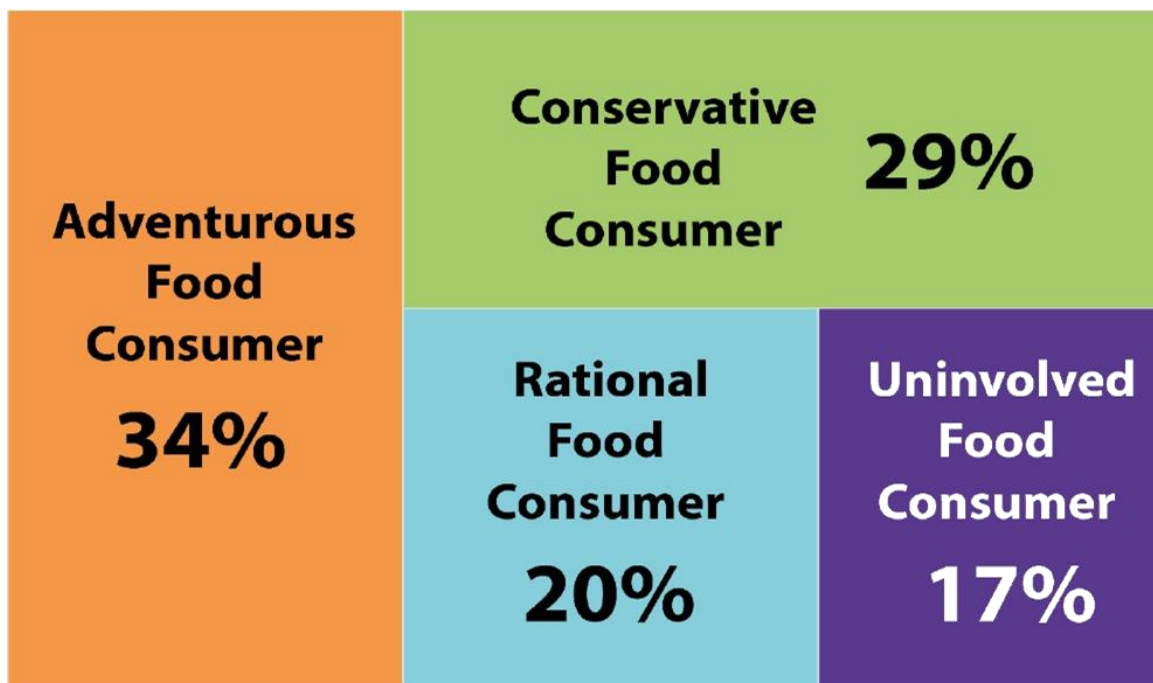


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# Main results & Impacts. WP5

**WP5** is exploring the potential for different alternative new aquaculture products. After **assessing consumers' preferences and profiles (Del.5.2)** and **identifying product and market requirements of aquaculture chain stakeholders (Del.5.1)**.



The **development of new products** has started with a characterization of their technological properties.

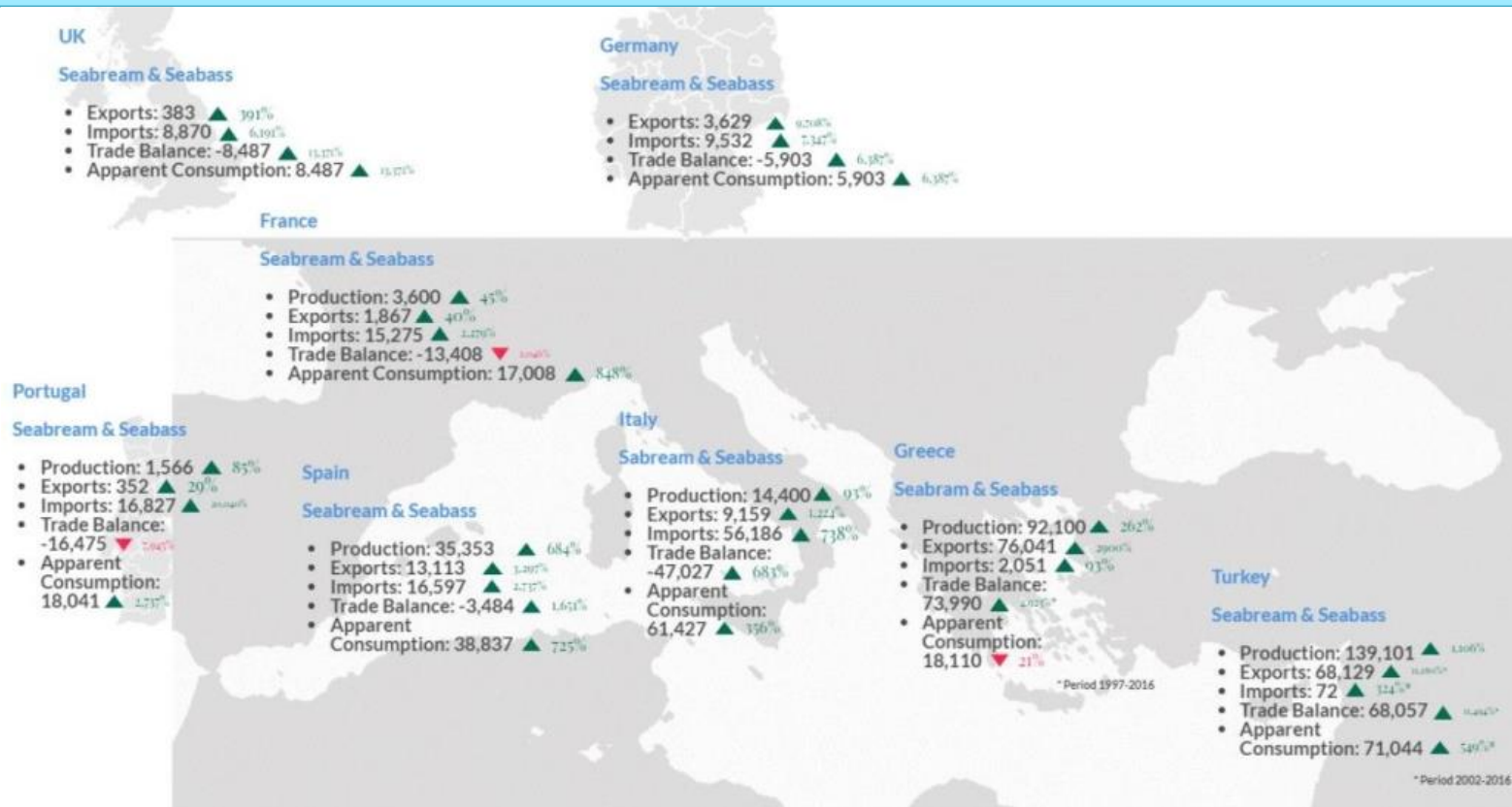




# Main results & Impacts. WP6. Economics

**WP6** analyses the economic efficiency and performance of the whole sector. An analysis of the market equilibrium by the estimation of the supply and demand functions at various levels of the value chain (**Del.6.2**).

This information about the market structure and its dynamics will set the basis for proposing business and marketing strategies for the sector.



# Main results & Impacts. WP7. Governance

## WP7 will

- **Asses the social acceptability of aquaculture** in the Mediterranean area
- Provide **tools and methods enabling to enhance the social acceptability** to accompany the sustainable development of the sector
- Provide recommendations (**Guidelines**) to improve governance of aquaculture through the integration of social acceptability concerns in decision making processes



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Draft Guidelines in support of social acceptability for sustainable  
aquaculture development<sup>1</sup>



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# Main results & Impacts. WP8. Recommendations

**WP8** will integrate outcomes from all WP's to propose innovative management practices in order to improve the overall competitiveness and sustainability of the sector.



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