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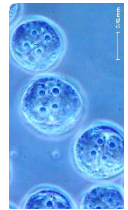
**ParaFishControl un progetto europeo per il controllo delle malattie parassitarie in acquacoltura**

*ParaFishControl an EU project for the control of the parasitic diseases in aquaculture*

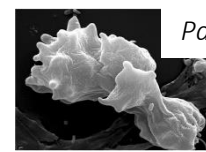
**Aquaculture** is the fastest growing food producing sector worldwide, providing half of all aquatic animals for current human consumption. If responsibly developed and practised, aquaculture can generate lasting benefits for global food security and economic growth.



*Lepeophtheirus salmonis*



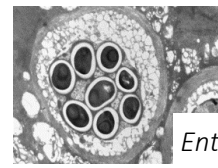
*Tetracapsuloides bryosalmonae*



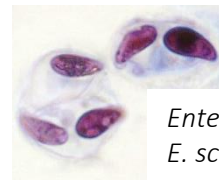
*Paramoeba perurans*



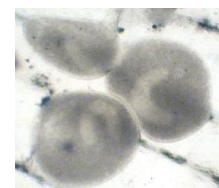
*Saprolegnia parasitica*



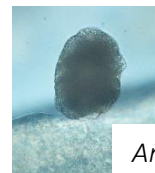
*Enterospora nucleophila*



*Enteromyxum leei*  
*E. scopthalmi*



*Ichthyophthirius multifiliis*



*Amyloodinium ocellatum*



*Sparicotyle chrysophrii*



*Ceratothoa oestroides*

TITLE

# Advanced Tools and Research Strategies for Parasite Control in European farmed fish

PROGRAMME:	Horizon 2020
CALL:	SFS-10A (2014)- <i>Scientific basis and tools for preventing and mitigating parasitic diseases of European farmed fish</i>
INSTRUMENT:	Research and Innovation Action
TOTAL BUDGET:	8.1 million €
EC CONTRIBUTION:	7.8 million €
DURATION:	60 months
COORDINATOR:	Agencia Estatal Consejo Superior de Investigaciones Científicas ( <b>CSIC</b> ) <b>Dr. Ariadna Sitjà-Bobadilla</b>
CONSORTIUM:	29 partners in 13 European countries

**ParaFishControl** will foster improved biosecurity, health and welfare of farmed fish.

**Expertise in:**  
 Parasitology  
 Epidemiology  
 Immunology  
 Molecular biology  
 Genetics  
 Genomics  
 Food safety  
 Pathology  
 Chemotherapy

**Access to:**  
 research facilities  
 biological resources  
 host-parasite models  
 vaccinology  
 genomics  
 proteomics  
 transcriptomics



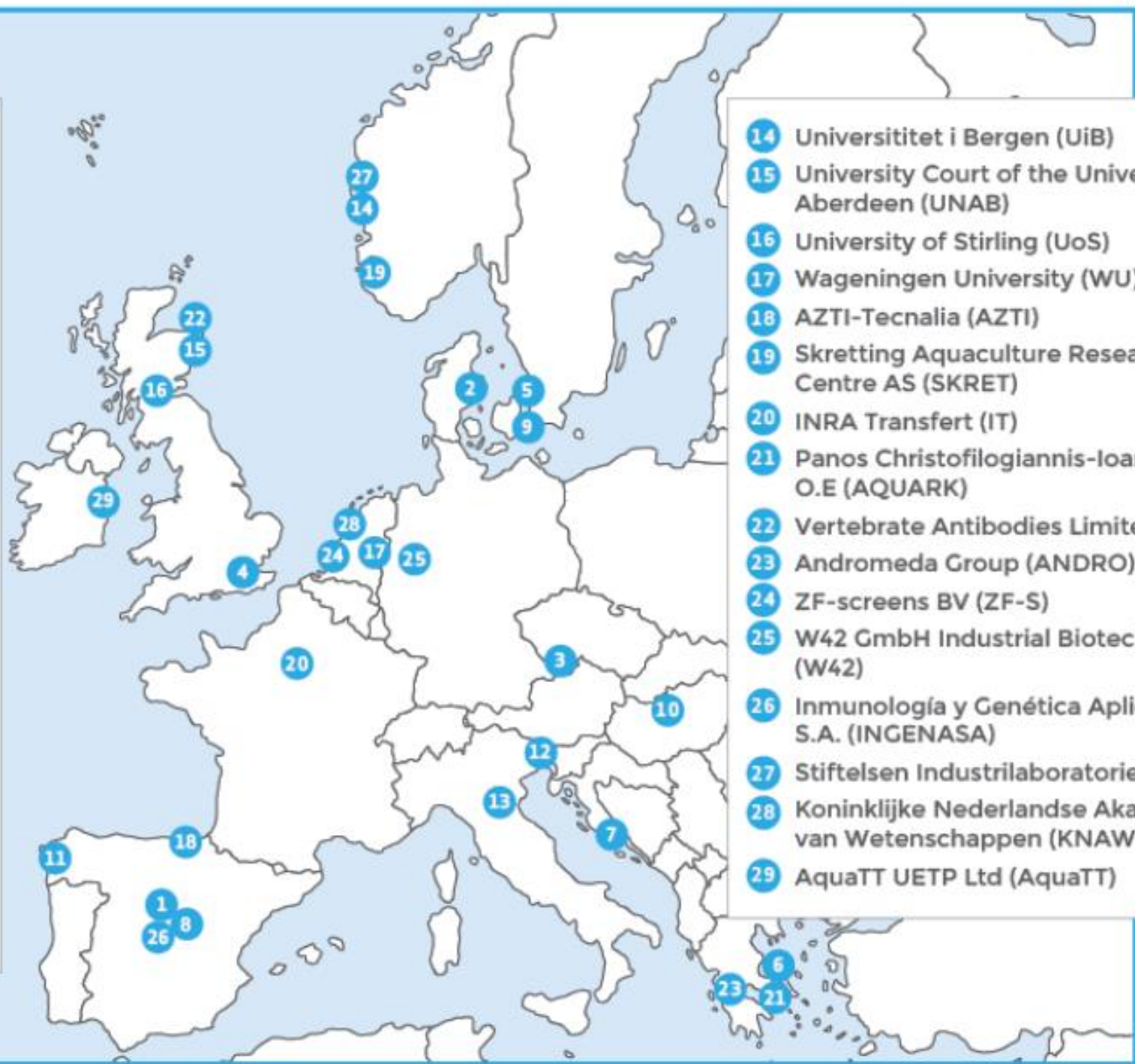
- Atlantic salmon
- European sea bass
- Gilthead sea bream
- Turbot
- Rainbow trout
- Common carp
- PRO-PRI partners
- SME-ENT partners



Parasite group	Parasite species	Fish	Disease
Crustaceans	<i>Lepeophtheirus salmonis</i> , <i>Caligus</i> spp.	AS	Sea lice infection
	<i>Ceratothoa oestroides</i> , Caligidae	ESB, GSB	Isopod and sea lice infections
Monogeneans	<i>Sparicotyle chrysophrii</i>	GSB	Gill fluke
Myxozoans	<i>Tetracapsuloides bryosalmonae</i>	RBT	PKD
	<i>Enteromyxum leei</i>	GSB	Knife syndrome
	<i>Enteromyxum scophthalmi</i>	TB	Sunken head syndrome
	<i>Sphaerospora molnari</i>	CC	Gill sphaerosporosis
	<i>Thelohanellus kitauei</i> *	CC	Intestinal giant-cystic disease
Microsporidians	<i>Enterospora nucleophila</i> *	GSB	Emaciative syndrome
Ciliates	<i>Ichthyophthirius multifiliis</i>	RBT, CC	Whitespot disease
	<i>Philasterides dicentrarchi</i>	TB	Scuticociliatosis
Dinoflagellates	<i>Amyloodinium ocellatum</i>	ESB	Velvet disease
Amoebae	<i>Paramoeba perurans</i>	AS	AGD
Oomycetes	<i>Saprolegnia parasitica</i>	AS, RBT	<i>Saprolegniasis</i>
Zoonotic helminths	Anisakidae, Opisthorchidae, Diphyllbothriidae	All	Anisakiasis, Opisthorchiasis, Diphyllbothriasis, allergy (in humans)

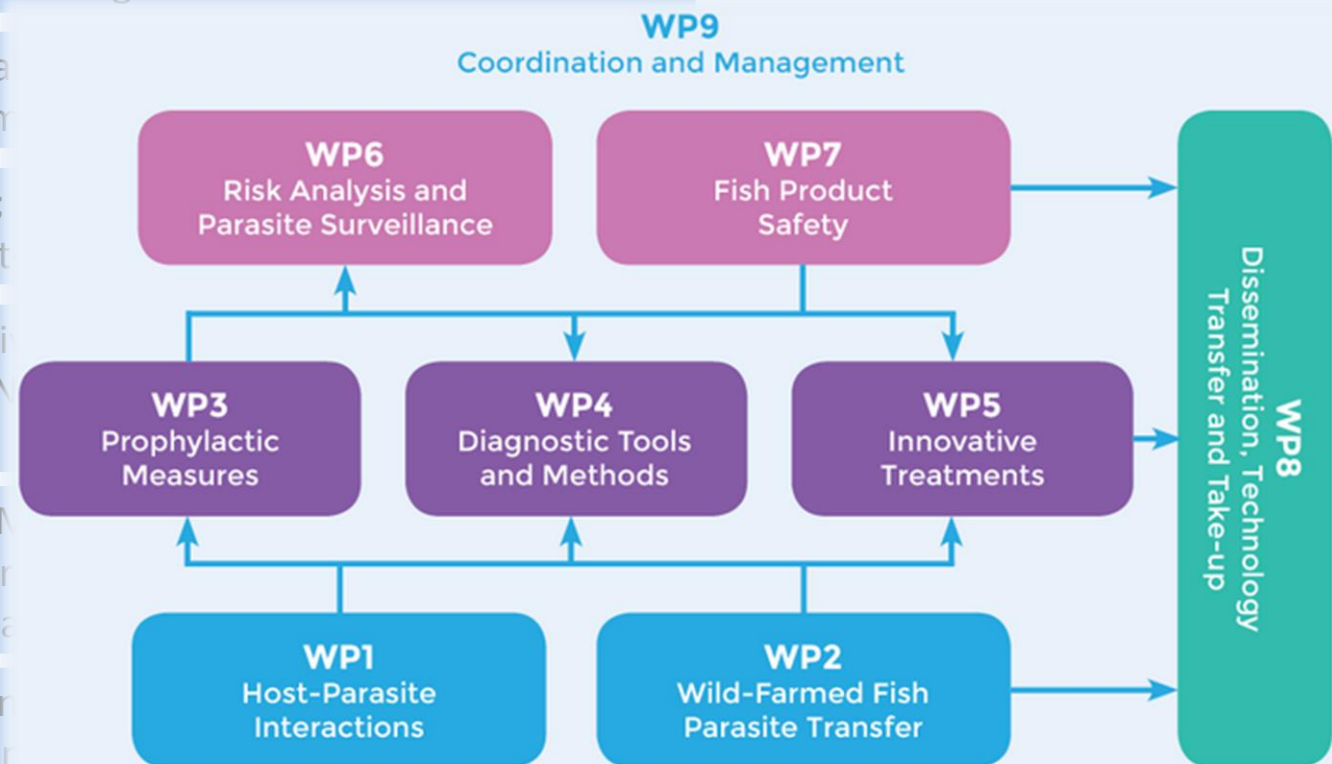


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- 3 Biology Centre of the Academy of Sciences of the Czech Republic (BCAS)
- 4 Centre for Environment, Fisheries and Aquaculture Science (Cefas - The Secretary of State for Environment, Food and Rural Affairs)
- 5 Danmarks Tekniske Universitet (DTU)
- 6 Hellenic Centre for Marine Research (HCMR)
- 7 Institut za oceanografiju i ribarstvo (IOR)
- 8 Instituto Nacional de Investigación y Tecnología Agraria y Alimentaria (INIA)
- 9 Københavns Universitet (KU)
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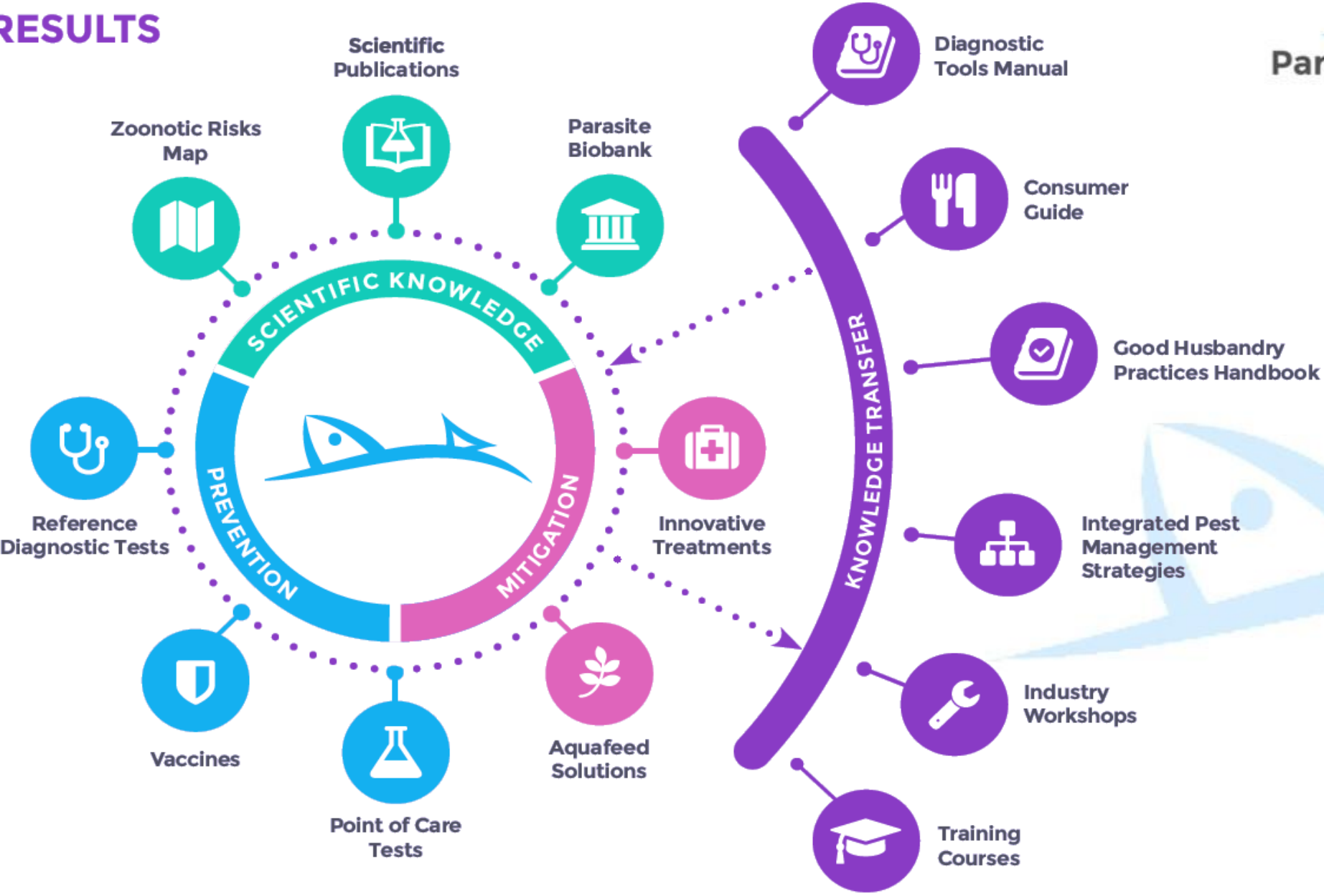


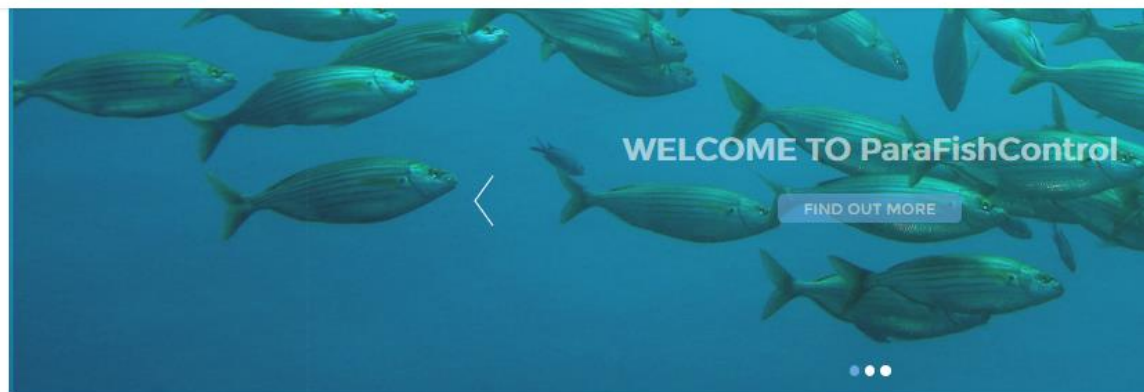
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WP1	<b>Host-parasite interactions:</b> Study transcriptomes and determine key genes (NGS); Proteomics to determine key proteins of parasites and their hosts. Use data to identify potential drug and/or vaccine targets and develop diagnostic tests
WP2	<b>Wild-farmed fish parasite transfer:</b> Develop necessary molecular tools and collect data to help provide a basis for better/novel zooprophyllactic strategies
WP3	<b>Prophylaxis: Vaccine development and testing</b> at lab and field; <b>immunostimulatory feeds</b> with <i>in vitro</i> tests and farm trials
WP4	<b>Diagnostics:</b> Lab tests with analytical optimisation; methods in ringtests; Rapid on-site assessment, point of care tests
WP5	<b>Innovative treatments:</b> Rapid to implement alternative control strategies; Optimised use of predator fish; Mollusc treatment; Targeted treatments/immunotherapy
WP6	<b>Risk analysis and surveillance:</b> Biosecurity and IPM; Alternative control strategies; Future risks and sectoral impact; Deposition of parasite samples and metadata in Biobank
WP7	<b>Fish product safety:</b> On-site detection of presence; validated/calibrated detection methods; Establishment of a Practice Handbook for parasite-free culture
WP8	<b>Dissemination, technology transfer and take-up</b>
WP9	<b>Coordination and Management</b>



# EXPECTED RESULTS





## ABOUT THE PROJECT

The overarching goal of **ParaFishControl** is to increase the sustainability and competitiveness of the European aquaculture industry by improving our understanding of fish-parasite interactions and by developing innovative solutions and tools for the control and mitigation of the most harmful parasitic species affecting the main European farmed fish species.

Disease prevention and management are essential for the sustainability of the European aquaculture industry. The diversity of species and farming practices throughout Europe involves a significant number of threats related to a large variety of pathogens that hamper production and require specific preventive and curative practices and tools ensuring a high level of aquaculture production and related seafood products. Among other disease-related threats, parasites and related infections cause significant damages to farmed fish species and can result in poor growth performance, impaired welfare, and high mortality. Parasites also have significant consequences in terms of production and economic performance.



### Overview

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### Methodology

The project is organised into four main types of activity, ranging from generation of fundamental knowledge and technological applications to risk analyses and food safety aspects and dissemination and technology transfer.

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### Work Packages

The ParaFishControl's work is broken down into several work packages, one disseminating technology transfer. Work package management and coordination of them strongly interact with other work packages.

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