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AQUACULTURE SOCIAL ACCEPTABILITY

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AQUACULTURE SPATIAL PLANNING

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BUSINESS SUPPORT

ACCESS2SEA

MAIN RESULTS AND CONCLUSIONS

- Access2sea has succeeded in providing new opportunities for the Aquaculture sector to boost sustainable blue growth in the Atlantic region by integrating three different disciplines such as social acceptance, marine spatial planning, and business model development.
- Access2sea have detected that the implementation of Marine Spatial Planning (MSP) provides an opportunity to address some of the planning constraints faced by the sector. The practical cases analysed in the framework of the project and coming from different countries and scenarios, allowed us to extract relevant methodological aspects increasing the guarantees of success of aquaculture projects on the European Atlantic coast.
- Access2sea have identified that licensing requirements in term of spatial planning must be simplified and accessible to encourage aquaculture entrepreneurship.
- Access2sea pilot projects have demonstrated that the innovation in terms of technical designs and modelling tools supported by financial advice ensure competitiveness and market diversity.
- Access2sea pilot project results have provided to the aquaculture sector and the general public interested access and advice for the implementation of several tools in order to identify novel business opportunities.
- Access2sea has identified that strategic engagement and cooperation between all stakeholders to participate in decisions concerning aquaculture farms is essential for effective spatial planning, as well as contributing to improve social acceptance.

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