

**2Fish Project:
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2FISH: Fish, people and changeability – Interview with Søren Hyllen, Principal of the fishing school in Thyborøn, Denmark

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Fishing in Europe has a long tradition. Seafood forms a substantial part of the European diet. At the same time, the fishing industry is strictly regulated by EU rules and laws that focus on quality and safety. This requires the right skills in all parts of the fishing industry.

Overall, said Mr. Hyllen, vocational training in the fishery sector in Europe primarily focuses on educating fishermen. Consequently, the secondary service professions associated with fishing have limited opportunities to offer skilled training.

"In fisheries, there is not much training. The Fisheries Training Centre EUC Nordvest is the only school in Denmark that has training programmes for the fishery sector. Therefore, it is important to cooperate on a European level to share the knowledge across Europe," said

Søren Hyllen, the principal of the fishing school in Thyborøn. The demand for appropriate training for secondary professions in fisheries formed the basis of the 2Fish project. The objective of this project is to offer appropriate training within parts of the sector where it previously did not exist.

In order to identify the types of training the project should develop, a survey was carried out in the five partner countries. The questionnaire was addressed to the local partners and businesses.



Søren Hyllen, Scientific Coordinator of the 2Fish Project

"The results of the survey took us by surprise," said Mr. Hyllen, "It turned out that what the industries demanded was something completely different from what we had expected." Cooperation with local partners and businesses has been fundamental in the project.

"The partners and enterprises are the primary industries that make use of the skills we provide our students and participants with," said Mr. Hyllen. According to him, the 2Fish project has contributed to a better dialogue between the European vocational schools and the fishing industry. This improved communication will contribute to ensuring that European business schools can better meet the changing competence needs facing the fishing industry in the future.

2Fish partners in Dublin

The fourth 2Fish project partner meeting was held in Dublin, Ireland, on 15 October 2013. During the meeting the testing phase for the training modules, the qualification assessment plan and the evaluation of cooperation between VET (Vocational Education and Training) and the world of work were discussed.



The partner meeting was also an opportunity to define in detail the diffusion and dissemination plan of project results and the evaluation of future mobility projects.

The Irish partner AquaTT

AquaTT is an international foundation which provides project management and training services to support the sustainable development of Europe's aquatic resources.

AquaTT's mission is to bridge the knowledge gap between the dynamic R&D environments and the progressive commercial sector. AquaTT supports its target audiences through the provision of support services and through participation in, and coordination of EU projects and initiatives in the areas of education, training and technology transfer.

As a non-profit making organisation, AquaTT's function is to provide services to fill the needs of those involved in a spectrum of activities throughout the aquaculture sector: students (including life-long learners), teachers and trainers, researchers, policy makers, company employees and managers.

For more information: <http://www.aquatt.ie>

2FISH project in the European Commission

Åse Nielsen from CDEU, 2Fish Lead Partner, presented the 2Fish project to the members of the Sectoral Social Dialogue Committee for Sea Fisheries in Brussels, Belgium, on 11 October 2013.

The European social dialogue refers to discussions, consultations, negotiations and joint actions involving organisations representing the two sides of fish industry (employers and workers) and the European public authorities.



Åse Nielsen presented the objectives of the project and the various phases of activity with particular reference to the development and testing of the training modules.

The 2Fish project has met the interest of the members of the Social Dialogue committee who have expressed very positive opinions and judgments.

2Fish training module tested in Turkey

The testing of the 2Fish courses has been extended to Turkey by the Erdogan University of Rize.



The University of the Black Sea has positively tested the module on traceability thanks to the availability of Prof. Dalgic and his students.

2Fish final conference

The 2Fish final conference will take place on 3 April 2014 at the Congress Palace of Bellaria, in Italy. Representatives from national and European institutions, fishing companies, and educational and training institutions are expected to attend.

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