

# BLACK SEA STORIES

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## Cross-border cooperation for an improved aquaculture and fish products sector

European Neighbourhood Instrument – Cross-Border Cooperation:

Improving existing competences and developing new ones in the aquaculture and fish products trade sector (DACIAT)

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The aquaculture sector is bursting with new ideas and innovative ideas. But how do we ensure that this dynamism leads to tangible solutions being applied as widely as possible?

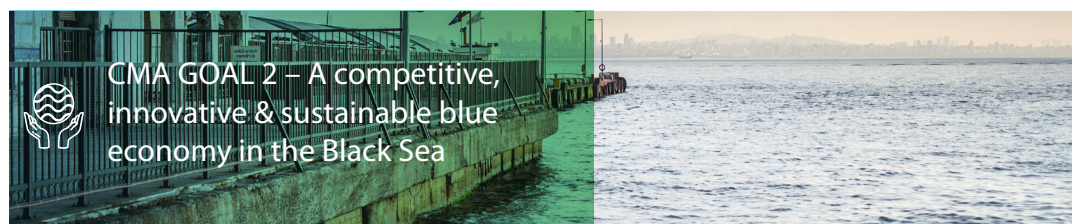
With the motto 'Common borders, Common solutions', the recently completed DACIAT project actively promoted the wide sharing of good practices across the Black Sea. Convinced that intensive cross-border cooperation is the key to improving the capacity of aquaculture SMEs to innovate, the DACIAT team set about creating new support services while improving those that already existed. As such, the project's targeted approach placed aquaculture firmly at the centre of a competitive, innovative and sustainable Black Sea blue economy (CMA Goal 2).

To achieve this, the project adopted a three-pronged approach. As a first step, to increase knowledge in the sector the project delivered analysis on the strengths, weaknesses, challenges and opportunities for aquaculture in the region. Secondly, four study visits, 20 virtual site visits and interviews with entrepreneurs and 12 workshops were organised for hands-on transfer of good practices and capacity building. Finally, DACIAT set up an open access web platform, the 'Aquaculture Virtual Centre of Competence', to foster increased ICT uptake in the sector.

As the aquaculture sector continues to develop in the region, the DACIAT project's experiences and materials will serve as an invaluable resource for Black Sea entrepreneurs and SMEs and an example for future cross-border initiatives.

### COUNTRIES & PARTNERS INVOLVED

-  Danube Delta National Institute for Research & Development (Romania)
-  Fisheries Areas Federation (Romania)
-  Lower Danube Euroregion - Association of Cross-border Cooperation (Romania, Moldova, Ukraine)
-  Region of East Macedonia and Thrace (Greece)
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