

## **Working with AquaTT**

AquaTT is a unique non-profit company supporting the European Marine industry with services and facilitation. For more than 16 years, AquaTT has been a key partner in projects funded by the European Commission under a range of programmes, applying best practice in its leadership and participation.

In the 6<sup>th</sup> Framework Programme AquaTT participated in several research projects, adding value through the supply of essential services that every research initiative requires. These knowledge management services include dissemination, validation, technology transfer & translation and technical training coordination, customised to each project.

AquaTT's competence has been recognised on an international level by the European Aquaculture Technology and Innovation Platform (EATIP) where David Murphy, AquaTT Managing Director, serves as a facilitator for the thematic strand, *Knowledge Management*.

AquaTT facilitates effective interaction between key stakeholders and manages knowledge generated out of European research, with the intention of ensuring maximum exploitation.

AquaTT is now actively seeking to be involved in Marine FP7 Research projects. As a partner we will be committed to foster and implement project activities with utilisation and exploitation of results in mind. AquaTT will ensure that research projects implement best practice in knowledge management for the project duration, identify & prioritise new knowledge generated out of projects, and design appropriate mechanisms for maximum exploitation.

FP7 has prioritised Knowledge Management as an important element of any research application criteria. As a result, AquaTT is promoting its services to interested consortia.

## **Benefits**

- 1) Including AquaTT in consortia demonstrates to evaluators and the European Commission that communication and dissemination of the project is a priority, with the representation of a professional partner specialising in this area.
- 2) AquaTT will demonstrate to the evaluators and the EC that the consortium has planned from the outset how it will exploit new knowledge generated from the research.
- 3) AquaTT will alleviate pressures on resources, enabling research providers to focus on the research activities, while it coordinates the dissemination and exploitation initiatives typically allocated to the overstretched coordinator.

Furthermore, AquaTT will provide support to ensure the consortium's application has an increased chance of success;

- 1) In conjunction with the partnership, AquaTT will define a customised description of tasks based around our generic services which not only will impress evaluators, but will be practical and effective if the project is selected.
- 2) AquaTT will write excellent work package descriptions. AquaTT has several established Knowledge Management processes in place which will leave the evaluator confident the consortium meets the criteria and will be making best use of available communication channels (e.g. dissemination through existing newsletters, building websites using in-house competence, knowledge transfer through existing thematic networks such as AQUATNET).
- 3) AquaTT will provide realistic and cost effective budgets, grounded in our cost-benefit analyses and data from previous project participation.
- 4) AquaTT can proof and provide editorial support to applications, using its excellent team of proposal writers.

## Background

AquaTT has a track record which demonstrates its competence.

### Summary

- AquaTT is a not-for-profit organisation based in Dublin, Ireland
- AquaTT supports the European Marine Industry as a whole
- AquaTT has a professional team of 4 staff with extensive experience in Knowledge Management
- AquaTT staff have written EC project applications with an 85% success rate on AquaTT led applications from 2005 to 2007
- AquaTT is the secretariat for the largest Education and Training network in Aquaculture & Fisheries (>100 partners) – AQUATNET ([www.aquatnet.com](http://www.aquatnet.com)) which has been running for 12 years
- AquaTT is a cost-effective partner
- AquaTT is an SME, a priority partner in FP7 projects

## Performance in 2008

**AquaTT has a 100% record in the current year with EC applications where its staff coordinated the submission of the full application.**

Submission under the Lifelong Learning Programme – Pescalex 2 project: Transfer of Technology project in Aquaculture; Project Budget: Euro 392,000, Grant aid of Euro 295,000

Submission under the Lifelong learning programme – AQUATNET 2: Socrates Thematic network for Aquaculture, Fisheries and Aquatic Resource Management; 120 partners across 25 countries. AquaTT will manage the secretariat of this prestigious network for the next 3 years. Project Budget: 1.5 Million, Grant aid of 600,000

*(Pending Evaluations)* Submission of two applications under Interreg IVB – Planet Aqua 2 and Watermark Europe; Project Budgets: ~1.5 million per project

## Performance pre-2008

- Participated in 10 FP6 projects
- Coordinator of 2 FP6 projects (Aqualabs, Marinvest)
- Participant in 19 projects from 2000-2007, of which coordinator of 9
- Most successful Irish marine SME in EC programmes
- Success rate of 85% on applications written between 2005-2007

**Examples: AquaTT in Research Projects**

## CRAB PROJECT [www.crabproject.com](http://www.crabproject.com)

Designed and maintained website, logo, branding; coordinated dissemination; delivered 5 regional training courses; created E-learning material and a biofouling manual.

## BLUESEED Project [www.bluseedproject.com](http://www.bluseedproject.com)

Designed and maintained website, logo, branding; managed project dissemination.

## AquaTT Services



### Free Monthly E- Newsletter on Training

**4,000 subscribers**

- Education initiatives
- Upcoming events
- Calls for funding
- Dissemination of results
- Announcement of mobility opportunities



### Free International Recruitment Service

- Student placements, Masters/ PhD positions, Job vacancies
- Registered users receive email alerts for every vacancy

**>200 Companies have used the site**

**>1000 Users registered to receive email alerts**

**~ 15 new vacancies per month**

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