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**Centre for Aquaculture Consultancy Services to
assist fish farmers on legal and technical matters**

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- The good practice was identified within the **Interreg Europe funded project - EXTRA-SMEs**, which brings together 8 regions from 7 countries, to achieve expansion of rural and coastal SMEs in wider markets for the promotion of their products, through simpler and improved administrative processes, and innovative technologies.
- The Centre was established in 2018 within the Nucet Research and Development Station for Fisheries and received funding from the European Maritime and Fisheries Fund (EMFF) – the Fisheries and Maritime Affairs Operational Programme.
- **Objectives:**
 - supporting aquaculture farms to achieve high environmental, health, animal welfare and food safety standards;
 - providing advisory services both for aquaculture farms and for potential beneficiaries of aquaculture funding through EMFF;
 - implementing new technologies, systems, methods to ensure the increase of the competitiveness of the aquaculture sector;
 - strengthening technological development, innovation and knowledge transfer.

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Services provided and number of support service contracts concluded with economic agents and SMEs in the aquaculture sector:

- **environmental protection and environmental impact assessments (> 60 contracts)**
 - physical, chemical and biological analyses for environment impact assessments
- **well-being and health of aquatic animals (> 25 contracts)**
 - ecological technologies for fish breeding
 - technological water quality analyses
- **public health and safety standards (> 40 contracts)**
- **marketing and business strategies (> 10 contracts)**
- **technical assistance in accessing the EMFF funds:**
 - development of feasibility studies, explanatory notes, business plans
 - consultancy and support services during and after the implementation phase of a project
- **technical assistance for the setting-up of aquaculture farms.**

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Thank you!

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