



COST ACTION FA1305 WORKING GROUPS

WG 1 – Aquaponics Overview: Strategic Focus on Aquaponics in the EU

The remit of WG1 is to review the EU policies, legislation and certification relating to aquaculture and hydroponics, with particular reference to topics such as environmental standards, food safety, water quality, food ethics and standards, and the sustainability credentials of combined fish and vegetal production. Working Group Leader: Tamas Komives (HU)

WG 2 – Aquaponics Scientific Focus and Systems Development Think Tank: Reviewing the State of the Art and Generating Innovation

The remit of WG2 is to review the science behind aquaponics in order to define best practice and to promote new developments. Review areas include: water quality; fish feed; ammonia/nitrate conversion; the best vegetal and fish products for the EU and for developing countries; and systems design. Working Group Leader: Tycho Vermeulen (NL)

WG 3 – Aquaponics Economic, Environmental, and Social Sustainability Think Tank: Reviewing the State of the Art and Generating Innovation

The remit of WG 3 is to review the socio-economic value chain mechanisms which may favour or hinder the development and diffusion of aquaponics as a food production system. Review topics include: the economic viability of aquaponics; life-cycle cost analyses; cost-benefit analyses; analysis of market chains; and a survey of consumer perceptions. Working Group Leader: Ragnheidur Thorarinsdottir (IS)

WG4 – Aquaponics Knowledge Transfer, Outreach and Training: The EU Aquaponics resource from the present into the future

The remit of WG4 is to gather, assimilate and disseminate knowledge. Knowledge transfer takes place through the EU Aquaponics website and our social media pages, as well as through specific outreach activities aimed at the general public, such as citizen science projects and a schools network, and the provision of training for early career researchers. Working Group Leader: Dieter Anseeuw (BE)