



OPTIMA

OPTIMA COMES TO AN END: CELEBRATING OUR ACHIEVEMENTS AND LOOKING AHEAD



After more than two years of collaboration, innovation, and knowledge exchange, the OPTIMA project – Good Practices in Mollusc Aquaculture – has officially come to an end.

Since its launch, OPTIMA has brought together organisations, experts, trainers, and stakeholders from across Europe with a common objective: to identify, promote, and transfer good practices in mollusc aquaculture while supporting the development of skills and knowledge within the sector.

As the project concludes, we are proud to look back on everything that has been achieved and excited to share the results that will continue to benefit the aquaculture community for years to come.

Final Transnational Project Meeting

On 27 May 2026, the consortium held its Final Transnational Project Meeting (TPM).

During the meeting, partners reviewed the activities implemented throughout the project, assessed the results achieved, discussed lessons learned, and explored strategies to ensure the sustainability and long-term exploitation of OPTIMA outcomes.

The consortium also had the opportunity to visit a local oyster farm, where participants learned more about local production methods and exchanged knowledge with professionals working directly in the sector.

The visit provided valuable practical insights and allowed partners to observe first-hand some of the techniques and challenges discussed throughout the project.



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FINAL CONFERENCE IN LA TREMBLADE

On 28 May 2026, the OPTIMA consortium celebrated its Final Conference at the Salon Conchyliculture et Cultures Marines in La Tremblade, France. The event brought together stakeholders, professionals, producers, trainers, and representatives of the aquaculture sector to discover the main outcomes of the project and discuss the future of sustainable mollusc aquaculture in Europe.

During the conference, partners presented the key results developed throughout the project, including the training materials, educational resources, and the OPTIMA e-training platform. One of the highlights of the event was the premiere of the final OPTIMA project video, which was screened publicly for the first time.

Participants also took part in a round table discussion focusing on good practices, innovation, sustainability, and the challenges currently faced by the mollusc aquaculture sector in different European countries. The exchange of experiences demonstrated the value of international cooperation and mutual learning within the sector.



BRINGING EUROPEAN AQUACULTURE PRACTICES TO LIFE THROUGH VIDEO

One of the most valuable and engaging outputs developed within OPTIMA has been its audiovisual collection of good practices in mollusc aquaculture. Throughout the project, each partner country produced a dedicated video showcasing local aquaculture practices, production methods, innovations, and examples of successful implementation within their national context. These country videos highlight the diversity of the sector across Europe and provide a unique opportunity to learn from different approaches and techniques.

From mussel farming in Galicia to oyster production in France and other examples presented by the partnership, the videos illustrate how local knowledge and expertise contribute to a stronger and more sustainable European aquaculture sector. Building on these materials, the consortium produced the final OPTIMA video, which combines the most relevant experiences, achievements, and lessons learned throughout the project. This final audiovisual resource offers a comprehensive overview of OPTIMA's journey and demonstrates the impact generated through collaboration between partners and stakeholders.

All videos developed during the project, including the country videos and the final OPTIMA video, will remain freely available through the project website and YouTube channel, ensuring continued access to valuable knowledge and good practices for professionals, learners, and organisations across Europe.



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THE LEGACY OF OPTIMA

Although the project has officially ended, its results will continue to be available and accessible to the wider aquaculture community.

The partnership firmly believes that the tools, methodologies, training resources, and good practices developed during OPTIMA will continue supporting professionals, educators, learners, and stakeholders interested in sustainable mollusc aquaculture.

OPTIMA has demonstrated the value of cooperation, knowledge sharing, and lifelong learning in addressing common challenges and building a more resilient and innovative sector.

EXPLORE OPTIMA RESOURCES

All project results remain available through the OPTIMA website, where you can:

- Access the OPTIMA E-Training Platform
- Watch the country videos and final project video
- Download project publications and learning materials
- Discover good practices from across Europe

THANK YOU!

As we close this chapter, we would like to express our sincere gratitude to all partners, experts, stakeholders, aquaculture professionals, trainers, learners, and organisations who contributed to making OPTIMA a success.

Thank you for being part of this journey and helping us promote innovation, sustainability, and excellence in European mollusc aquaculture.



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