

# ADDED VALUE OF COOPERATION IN BIOECONOMY RESEARCH – TWO YEARS PROGRESS OF THE BIOEAST INITIATIVE

BREAK OUT SESSION PRESENTATION

**NETWORK OF AQUACULTURE CENTERS IN CENTRAL AND EASTERN  
EUROPE (NACEE)**

Conference at OMÉK National Agriculture and Food Exhibition and Fair

Budapest, Hungary

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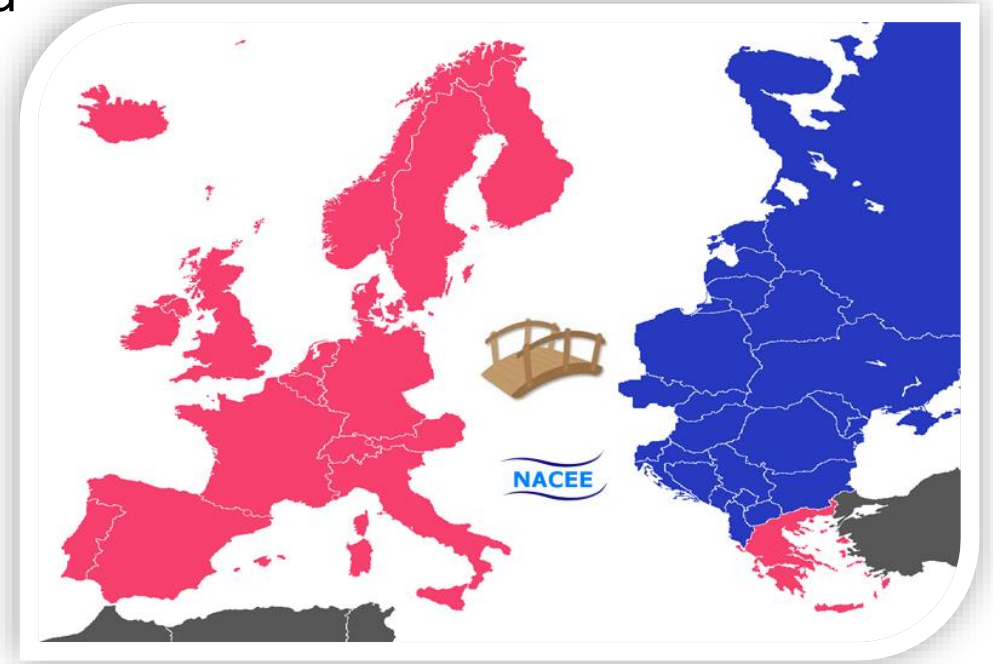
# Introduction to the network

**Subject area:** AQUACULTURE that is a specific area of food production, where more than 90% of the enterprises are SMEs in Europe

**Main objective of the Network:** To facilitate the aquaculture sector in Central-Eastern Europe to be involved more actively in European aquaculture development programs and projects

**Membership:** 40 members from 9 CEE countries (multi-stakeholder platform)

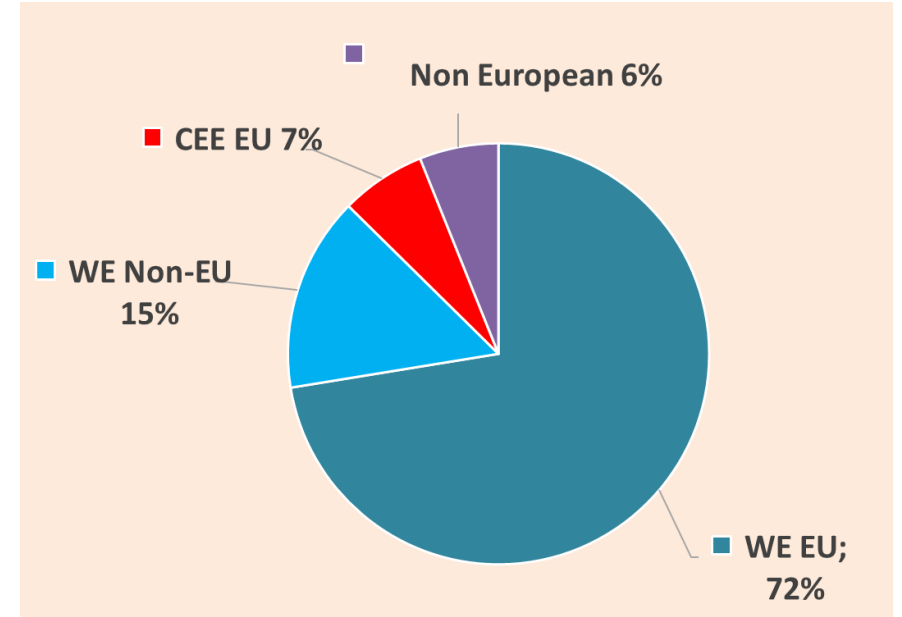
**Main activities:** organising annual symposiums and Young Scientist Conferences; assist publication activities; facilitate the preparation of cooperation and projects



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# Challenges

- Heterogenous region (EU and non EU countries)
- Relatively low GDP/capita
- Poor recognition of the importance of freshwater aquaculture
- Weak regional partnership in CEE region
- Low efficiency of knowledge and technology transfer (inefficient stakeholder communication)
- Language barriers
- Poor participation in relevant EU programs and projects



Participation in H2020  
2014-2015 Blue Growth and  
Sustainable Food Security Projects,  
Societal Challenge 2

# Good examples

- Annual symposia
- Regular Young Scientists Conferences
- Publications with the involvement of NACEE
- Improved exchange of information among members
- Involvement in international projects (e.g. FAO TCPf; EU TAPAS)

