

Gent, 23 October 2026

Dear EAS members,

I have the pleasure to announce that we are launching our annual call to all EAS members for bids to **host the Aquaculture Europe 2029** event in your country.

As you know, we favour bids from host countries that have a core team of motivated partners to create the bids to propose to us. The Aquaculture Europe Terms of Reference (ToR) should be your model and template for the bid.

Please note that bids should follow carefully the format of the ToR, and should be submitted by EAS members, and not by congress centres, city or convention bureaus or other event professionals.

Over recent years, events have been held in Austria (2023), Denmark (2024), Spain (2025) and Slovenia (2026) and our next events are taking place in Greece (2027) and Ireland (2028). Although we are open to accepting bids from all countries in Europe, it would be logical not to have two successive events in neighbouring or 'species-similar' countries.

The location of AE2029 will be decided by the EAS Board at its online meeting in February 2027.

One person representing each bid will be invited to make an online presentation to the Board. Please therefore start to consider putting a group of EAS members in your country together to make a bid. **The formal deadline for receiving the final bids at the EAS secretariat will be Friday, January 29th** so best to start preparing as soon as you can.

Once the decision is made, we will do a site visit for final validation, finalise the dates, theme and organising committees and start to work on putting your proposal into practice. Our team of EAS, MF COOKSEY and MAREVENT will manage the organisation of AE2029.

Yours sincerely,

Damien Toner
EAS President 2026-2028

Attached file: Aquaculture Europe ToR