

AQUACULTURE ECONOMICS & MANAGEMENT WORKSHOP



PROFILE

For PhD students and early-career researchers bridging economic theory and industry practice

INFO

- September 28-30
- Ljubljana, Slovenia
- Max 30 participants (target ~20)

ABOUT WORKSHOP

This workshop, taking place throughout the week of the EAS Aquaculture Europe 2026 event in Ljubljana, Slovenia, is aimed at PhD students and early-career researchers who want to strengthen the economic grounding, and practical relevance of their research in aquaculture and seafood systems. Building on key perspectives from aquaculture economics and management, the workshop explores how research questions, methods, and findings relate to industry decision-making, regulation, and market dynamics, with a particular focus on applied and empirical perspectives.

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WHAT MAKES THIS WORKSHOP DIFFERENT

01 Exposure to industry decision-making

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Engage with firms, technologies, and practitioners. Gain insight into how costs, constraints, incentives, and innovation are approached in practice.

02 Support for PhD & post-PhD research design

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Frame research questions in relation to production technologies, regulatory environments, sustainability, and market structures.

03 Connecting theory and practice

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Conference research sessions combined with field activities and guided discussion to compare academic models with industry realities.

04 Facilitated networking & insight exchange

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Structured interaction with exhibitors, researchers, and peers for discussion, comparison of perspectives, and research idea exchange.

PROGRAMME OVERVIEW



Part 1 - Intro to a successful industry (4h)

From production to markets: aquaculture development, technologies, cost structures, global value chains, and sustainability challenges. Interactive group exercise working with FAO production and pricing data, followed by introduction of the structured interview template and selection of focus themes (e.g. feed innovation, offshore production, sustainability standards).



Part 2 - Linking research and industry practice (8h)

Participation in the dedicated conference session on Aquaculture Economics, followed by field work preparation: identifying key economic and management research themes from presentations, relating insights to chosen focus themes, and refining interview questions for exhibitor interactions.



Part 3 - Industry perspectives and synthesis (3h)

Visits to 2-3 exhibitors relevant to each group's theme. Group synthesis and round-table session covering key observations, alignment or divergence between industry and academic perspectives, and identification of future research directions. Plenary feedback and wrap-up.

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