

**Promoting innovation and a European dimension
through Lifelong learning in the field of Aquaculture,
Fisheries and Aquatic Resources Management –
Thematic Network**

Third Annual Event
Malta, 26th and 27th June, 2014



THE MEETING

The theme of the meeting is 'Navigating change – the Aqua-tnet voyage'. As a small island, Malta has been highly dependent on maritime activity – boats and shipping for all its trade and communications. Our meeting is close to Valetta, which is at the centre of a complex of harbours and marinas which became strongly defended during the period of Turkish attacks in 1547, 1551, 1565 and 1572. The history of the island can be plotted in terms of a series of invasions or seaborne immigrations starting from Sicily in 4500 BC and progressing through the Phoenicians around 1200 BC, the Romans in 218 BC, the Vandals in AD 395, the Byzantine Greeks in 536, the Arabs in 870, the Normans in 1090, the Germans in 1194, The French in 1266, Spanish in 1412, The Order of St John in 1522, another French invasion in 1788 and finally the British in 1800 until independence in 1964. Each influx bringing new ideologies, technologies, social cultures and political organisations; all leaving traces in the Maltese landscapes and cultural identity. In this historical context, our perceptions of current stability may just be an artefact of the shortness of our own lives as frame of reference. We can reflect on change as ever present – in the world of education just as much as in the spheres of technology or politics.

Of course Malta has not just been a destination, it has also been the departure point for many adventure voyages and emigrations. It also has a strong tradition of ship building. Joe Borg might be a familiar name to many Aqua-tnet members and it was Captain Joseph Borg who sailed from Malta to America and fought with the insurgents for American Independence. He was followed by others so that by 1855 there were 116 Maltese living in the USA. More followed and especially after the First World War there was fairly substantial emigration such that by 1920 Detroit had 5,000 Maltese residents and in 1928 New York had an estimated 9000 Maltese immigrants with San Francisco also hosting a large Maltese population. After the Second World War, the Maltese government paid passage costs for people to emigrate such that in 1954 it was reported that 11,447 Maltese had left the island. By the mid-1990s it was estimated that 70,000 Maltese and their descendants were living in the USA. One very visible sign of this impact has been the transfer of the cross of Malta (going back to the Knights of St John) to the emblem used by most firefighters in the USA.

It may be a bit of a stretch to compare the Aqua-tnet project with the voyage of an eighteenth century sailing vessel across the Atlantic, but it may help us to consider the hazards and challenges we have faced and overcome, the necessary changes in direction that have had to be made and the new discoveries we have found through sharing this international and multicultural life on board. As this particular voyage comes to an end, we might also think of what symbols, values and treasures we have brought with us to pass on to future adventurers in the seas of aquaculture and fisheries learning and knowledge. Our final and perhaps greatest challenge of this voyage is to learn from the life of St Paul and avoid a Maltese shipwreck whilst sharing in a Damascus Road vision of new opportunities and directions!

The meeting will be held at The Intercontinental Hotel in St. Julian's Bay, arranged with the kind assistance of AquaBioTech. Participants will stay also stay at the hotel. <http://www.ihg.com/intercontinental/hotels/gb/en/st.-julians/malha/hoteldetail>

Your hotel room will be paid for and includes breakfast. Lunch and coffee breaks will also be provided. For workshop participants dinner will be organised for Tuesday evening. Following early meeting registration on the evening of June 25th, dinner will be at the Intercontinental's Waterbiscuit restaurant starting at 19:30. If your flight arrives later than 19:00 you should make your own arrangements. On the evening of June 26th dinner has been arranged. You will be responsible for any extras including meals (other than those detailed above), drinks, minibar, telephone etc. and will pay for these before checking out. If you have requested an extra night(s) you will be expected to pay before checking out.

Please remember to keep all receipts as well as your boarding passes to be included with your claim.

PROGRAMME

ICT workshop

Tuesday 24th June

Wednesday 25th June

19:00	Early meeting registration opens
19:30	Evening meal at the Intercontinental

Annual Meeting

Thursday 26th June

08:30	Registration continued
09:00 – 09:15	Welcome address – Robert Vassallo-Agius, Head of Malta Aquaculture Research Centre
09:15 – 09:30	Reflections on the Aqua-tnet journey
09:30 – 10:10	Keynote: Professor Luc François
10:10 – 10:30	Presentation on Erasmus+
10:30 - 11:00	Coffee break
11:00 – 11:10	Work package 3 portal presentation
11:10 – 11:20	Aquaculture International Special Issue
11:20 – 11:30	Anticipating the future
11:30 – 12:30	From past to future – roundtable and open discussion
12:30 – 13:30	Lunch
13:30 – 15:00	WP5 Life Long Learning Workshop Sonia Seixas: ECVET, NQF and EQF results Margaret Eleftheriou: ECVET, ECTS and ESCO initiative Richard Curmi: EQF-ECVET and ECTS a case study Round table discussion
15:00 – 15:30	Coffee break
15:30 –	Workpackage meetings
19:00	Bus leaves hotel for dinner

Friday 27th June

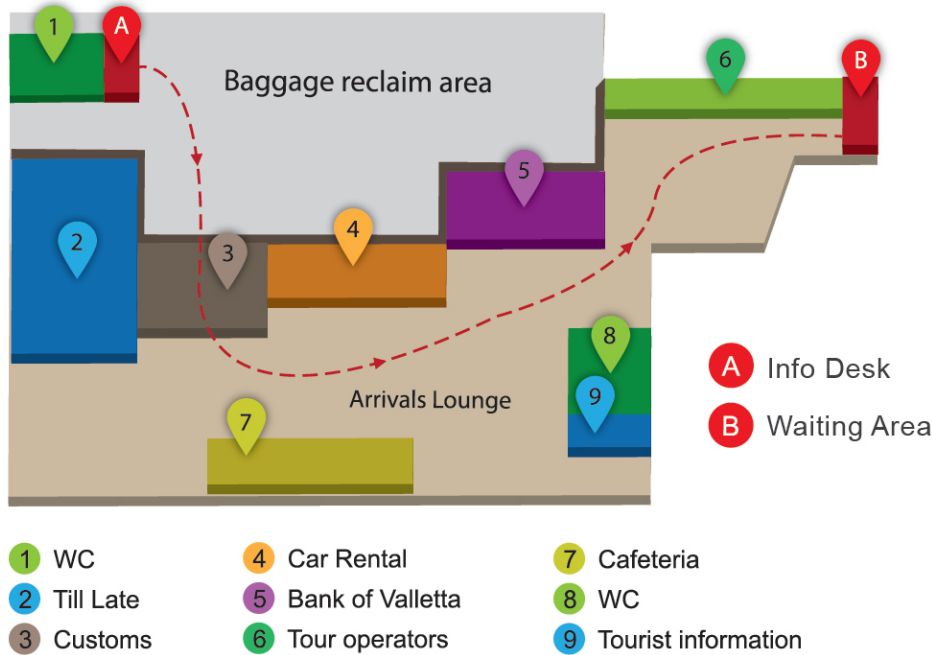
08:45 – 10:30	Workpackage presentations (1 – 6) 08:45: Mike Moulton 09:00: Peter Bossier 09:15: Lluís Tort 09:30: Cristina Pita/Graham Pierce 09:45: Margaret Eleftheriou, Sonia Seixas, Bernd Ueberschaer, Kim Jauncey 10:15: Jean Dhont
10:30 – 11:00	Coffee break
11:00 – 11:30	Workpackage presentations (7 and 8) 11:00: Marieke Reuver 11:15 Kim Jauncey
11:30 – 12:15	Discussion: proposals for further actions and collaborations
12:15 – 12:30	Comments from External Reviewer – Andrew Smith
12:30 – 12:45	Administrative issues
12:45 – 13:00	Thanks and close
13:00	End

TRANSPORT FROM AND TO AIRPORT

For most, you have been booked a seat with the below shuttle company. The company has record of your arrival and departure times and flights. Each journey is €5. You should pay and get a receipt. Please confirm your return time and pick up with the company when you arrive.



Guide to Malta Airport Shuttle Bus waiting area



Please follow the map to our waiting area where there will be our representative.
Shuttle departs every 30 minutes in summer and 45 minutes in winter.

PICK UP INFORMATION FOR YOUR DEPARTURE

On your departure day our transport will pick you up at your hotel/accommodation.

Please refer to the list below for your pick up time
(Hours prior to your flight departure time):

Area	Hours Before	Area	Hours Before
Cirkewwa	4.00 Hrs	Qawra	3.00 Hrs
Marfa	3.45 Hrs	St Julian's / Rabat	2.45 Hrs
Mellieha	3.30 Hrs	Sliema / Gzira	2.30 Hrs
Xemxija / St Paul's Bay	3.15 Hrs	Valletta / South	2.15 Hrs

All attempts are made for our transport to arrive on time but please note that sometimes traffic could result in some delays.

Please contact us only in the event that your transport is delayed by 15-20 mins