



How can BlueBRIDGE and e-infrastructures boost Blue Growth?

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A workshop was organised by BlueBRIDGE in January 2017 to understand how ecosystems of e-infrastructures can boost Blue Growth. It was an opportunity to hear practical testimonies from BlueBRIDGE Virtual Research Environment's users operating in the Blue Growth sector on how the project's services support their activities.

Organisations working in the domains of fisheries and aquaculture are limited by a lack of data and an inadequate awareness of how marine and maritime science can efficiently support them. ICT and e-infrastructures solutions for data access, harmonisation, analysis, and publication already exist: [BlueBRIDGE](#) is a quintessential example.

The workshop was a stimulating forum of practical exchanges for policy makers to understand what existing solutions the European Open Science Cloud can build on, and technological and user perspectives that can help merge these services together to make a winning product for the future to satisfy all stakeholders.

Along with demonstrations from aquafarming enterprises, international fisheries organisations, marine research institutes and e-infrastructure service providers, the workshop addressed the following questions:

- What is the role that data-driven science and innovation plays in the Blue Growth sector?
- How can European e-infrastructures concretely facilitate this role?
- Will the European Open Science Cloud benefit the Blue Growth Sector?

Around 50 participants from research organisations, government institutions and SMEs have attended the event.

[Full report of the workshop](#)

About BlueBRIDGE

The EU-funded project BlueBRIDGE's overall objective is to support capacity building in

interdisciplinary research communities actively involved in increasing scientific knowledge about resource overexploitation, degraded environment and ecosystem with the aim of providing a more solid ground for informed advice to competent authorities and to enlarge the spectrum of growth opportunities as addressed by the Blue Growth Societal Challenge.

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