



## Side Event 3

**Title:** Introducing aquaculture research opportunities under the European Union's Seventh Framework Programme (FP7)

**Organizers:** SEA-EU NET, European Commission (Directorate General for Research Technological Development and Innovation), and FAO

**Time and Venue:** 1815 – 2000 – 24<sup>th</sup> September – Ballroom 1

The European Union (EU) has developed international scientific cooperation (INCO) over the last 25 years to address the needs and opportunities of an interconnected world, and to contribute to global peace and prosperity. Among others, INCO aims at tackling specific problems that third countries face, or that have a global character, on the basis of mutual interest and mutual benefit. The objective of this Side Event 3 is to inform the aquaculture research community and other stakeholders attending the Global Conference on Aquaculture 2010 about the EU initiatives for funding research in aquaculture, in particular the opportunities -for EU and non-EU participants- provided within its 7<sup>th</sup> Framework Programme for Research Technological Development (FP7). The Event will endeavor to explain how the EU supports aquaculture research through a large variety of instruments, including networking and collaborative research initiatives funded under FP7. The Event will also provide a forum to set European research on aquaculture into a global context, and especially explore its links and complementarities with FAO activities.