

Strengthening Circular Economy and Valorisation of side-streams in RAS Aquaculture

AQUALOOP International Conference

25 February 2026 (9:30 - 17:00), Klimahaus Bremerhaven, Germany

We are pleased to invite you to the final event of our INTERREG South Baltic project, *AquaLoop - Aquaculture expert floor for circular economy practice*, which will showcase the outputs of the topics addressed by our seven project partners: valorisation of side-streams, RAS farm (circularity) concepts and knowledge transfer, and training and capacity building for South Baltic RAS. The event will highlight solutions and results from our three pilot initiatives on Recirculating Aquaculture Systems (RAS) and aquaculture side-streams, as well as project-based training activities and recommendations. Participants will have the opportunity to network with potential partners, decision-makers, and industry stakeholders, and to gain visibility in an international forum dedicated to circular solutions and sustainable aquaculture.

Overview

Organised by: AquaLoop Interreg South Baltic project partners: LP University of Rostock (DE), University of Gdańsk (PL), Klaipėda University (LT), Guldborgsund Municipality (DK), Fish Market Development Association (PL), Scandinavian Aquasystems AB (SE), VKST (DK).

Who should attend: The event is organized back-to-back with Fish International – Bremen and is relevant for business professionals, researchers, farmers, students, young professionals, policymakers, and innovators.

When: 9.30-17.00, 25 February 2026 (local study visit on the morning of 26 February)

Where: Klimahaus Bremerhaven, Am Längengrad 8, 27568 Bremerhaven, Germany

Format: Hybrid, in English

Fee: The event is free of charge but requires registration.

Framework program (conference)

The framework agenda includes the following sessions:

1. Closing the nutrient loop & byproduct valorization
2. Stakeholder support & consumer perspectives
3. Training and capacity building in the circular economy

A detailed program will be published at the end of January 2026.

Registration information

Registration is required through the **registration form**.

Physical attendance is limited to 80 participants and allocated on a **first-come, approval-based**, basis with a registration deadline of **20 January 2026**. If all in-person spots are filled before the registration deadline, we will contact you about the possibility of participating online.

Practical & Logistics Information, if in-person

Conference venue: The conference will take place at Klimahaus Bremerhaven. Please remember to plan some time before or after the conference if you would like to visit the venue's exhibitions.

Lunch and coffee breaks: Will be provided by the conference organisers.

Getting there: By plane - Bremen airport; By train/long distance bus – connections through Bremen; Travel from Bremen to Bremerhaven – 45m by train, every 60min

Recommended hotels: The Liberty Hotel Bremerhaven; Nordsee Hotel City; B&B Hotel Bremerhaven; City Hotel Schulz; Atlantic Sail City Bremerhaven; Hotel and Apartment am Theaterplatz. More options are available on Booking.com.

Local study visits: Two study visits are scheduled for 26 January 2026, starting between 9:30 and 10:00 and lasting approximately 60–90 minutes. The study visit will be organized at the Alfred Wegener Institute (AWI), Center for Aquaculture Research, and Technology Transfer Center (ttz) facilities, focusing on fish feed development, feed formulation, and feed manufacturing. Registered participants will be informed about available places after the conference registration closes, no later than 20 January 2026. 20 spots are available for each study visit and the participation is free of charge.

ST 1 – AWI Center for Aquaculture Research

ST 2 – ttz - Technology Transfer Center

Practical information, if online

The **Zoom link** will be shared with online participants before the conference.

We anticipate sending status updates and email confirmations **by January 20th 2026**. If you have any questions, please email us at:

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We look forward to welcoming you to Bremerhaven for an inspiring day of knowledge sharing, networking, and innovation.

AquaLoop Team