

## OPEN CALL TO ATTEND THE MARESKILL PROJECT PILOT COURSE "QUALITY AQUACULTURE"

Considering that:

- MareSkill – “Smart and innovative blue skills for competitive blue economy” is a project is a project funded by the Programme Interreg Italy -Croatia 2021-2027;
- ARTI is partner of MareSkill project;
- MareSkill project aims at the greater alignment of industry needs and occupational profiles with training and curricula through the evaluation of training and education methods to effectively increase employment and career opportunities on the cross-border level. These education and training programs would provide targeted groups with the skills and knowledge needed to successfully work in the blue economy sectors and help to support the growth of these industries by providing a skilled workforce;
- MareSkill project envisages the organization of a training and information course for graduate, researcher and professionals aimed at improving their skills in aquaculture and more specifically in sustainable and smart aquaculture providing high quality products that could fit EU market requirements;
- Under the MareSkill project activities, ARTI is responsible for the organization and implementation of a pilot Course in Quality Aquaculture (EQF 5);
- According to the contract signed on 23/10/2024 between ARTI and the Department of Vet Medicine of the University of Bari “Aldo Moro”, the Department is committed to providing technical expertise for the implementation of the pilot Course in Quality Aquaculture (EQF 5) which course curricula is attached in the Annex 1;
- On 10 February 2025, ARTI launched an open call for participation in the “Pilot Course in Quality Aquaculture”, organized within the framework of the MareSkill Project – Smart and innovative blue skills for a competitive blue economy, funded by the Interreg Italy–Croatia 2021–2027 Cross-Border Cooperation Programme. The call aimed to select 25 (twenty-five) candidates. As a result of the selection process, 22 Italian candidates were chosen;
- As no applications were received from candidates of Croatian nationality, and in order to ensure the cross-border nature of the initiative, it is necessary to reopen and modify the terms of the call to select two candidates of Croatian nationality.

Given the above, the following Call is aimed at the selection **no. 02 (two) candidates from Croatia** for the participation in a pilot course on **Quality Aquaculture**

### Art. 1 – Premises



The premises are an integral part of this public notice.

## Art. 2 – Object

As part of the MareSkill project, this Call is aimed at selecting graduates, PhD, researchers, and professionals studying and/or working in aquaculture field and /or responsible for the management of aquaculture farms, and aquaculture products trade interested in attending the pilot course “Quality Aquaculture”.

The pilot course is a 50 hours training and will be delivered by the Department of Veterinary Medicine of the University of Bari “Aldo Moro” in collaboration with ARTI. All the information on the contents of the lessons are available in Annex 1 – of this Call. The course will be held in Italian language with simultaneous translation into English.

## Art. 3 – Eligible subjects

The participants will be composed of a group of 2 students, selected through this Call, within the terms set forth in the following art. 4.

Participants must:

- be at least eighteen years old at the date of submission of the application.
- hold at least graduate (1<sup>st</sup> level).
- be interested in or operate in the aquaculture sector.
- have knowledge of the English language (including reading, speaking and writing skills) and preferably basic Italian language knowledge (reading and comprehension).
- be resident in the Interreg Italy-Croatia Programme 2021 – 2027 eligible areas:
  - Italy: Provinces of Trieste, Gorizia, Udine, Pordenone, Venezia, Padova, Rovigo, Ferrara, Ravenna, Forlì – Cesena, Rimini, Pesaro and Urbino, Ancona, Macerata, Fermo, Ascoli Piceno, Teramo, Pescara, Chieti, Campobasso, Foggia, Barletta-Andria-Trani (BAT), Bari, Brindisi, and Lecce.
  - Croatia: Istarska županija, Primorsko-goranska županija, Karlovačka županija, Ličko-senjska županija, Zadarska županija, Šibensko-kninska županija, Splitsko-dalmatinska županija, Dubrovačko-neretvanska županija.
- hold Croatian citizenship.

## Art. 4 – Submission of applications

All interested participants are required to complete Annex 2 and Annex 3 attached to this Call. The completed Forms must be sent in PDF format exclusively via PEC to **arti@pec.rupar.puglia.it** with the following object: “MareSkill – Quality Aquaculture Pilot Course”. The deadline for submission is **the 17<sup>th</sup> OCTOBER 2025, 12:00 (CET time)**. Submissions received after the deadline will not be accepted.

The provision of data is mandatory for the purposes of this selection and in accordance with the regulation for the protection of personal data Regulation (EU) 2016/679 – GDPR.

Treatment of personal data will follow the principles of fairness and transparency according to Regulation (EU) 2016/679 – GDPR and the subsequent national transposing laws. Details about the document to be submitted and the treatment of personal data are provided at Annex 4.

## Art. 5 – Costs

The course is free of charge and all costs of course organization will be covered by MareSkill project. Only for participants who are not residents or temporary domiciled in Puglia Region, travel and accommodation will be provided.

All other participant's expenses to attend the course, such as meals and local transportation, are not covered by the MareSkill project and must be covered by participants.

## Art. 6 – Criteria for evaluation and results of the selection

If the requests for the participation in the “Quality Aquaculture” Pilot Course, received in compliance with the terms and requirements of this call, will overcome the number of 02 (two), the participants will be selected based on the evaluation of the Annex 3. According to the available resources, the possibility of increasing the number of selected candidates will be evaluated.

Participants will be informed of the results of the evaluation by e-mail.

## Art. 7 – Responsible for the procedure

The responsible for the procedure for this Call is Carlo Gadaleta Caldarola which can be contacted at the email address: [c.gadaletacaldarola@arti.puglia.it](mailto:c.gadaletacaldarola@arti.puglia.it). For any additional information, it is possible to contact Valeria Patruno at the following e-mail address: [v.patruno@arti.puglia.it](mailto:v.patruno@arti.puglia.it)

## Art. 8 – Visibility and communication



This call will be published on ARTI website [www.arti.puglia.it](http://www.arti.puglia.it).

