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## Fish health – a common priority

In the last decades, the aquaculture sector, both in Romania and in the Republic of Moldova, is faced with serious problems regarding the health and welfare of fish. The practice of managing infectious outbreaks on fish farms is usually combated by disinfection or by means of chemica substances, vaccines or immunostimulants. Little attention is paid to the quality of the water in the fish ponds. Various pollutants from agriculture or animal husbandry cause toxicosis in fish but can also increase susceptibility to various diseases.

Excessive organic fertilizers can lead to direct damage to fish epithelium. The lime used for water disinfection increases the pH of the water and can damage the respiratory epithelium of fish. Fish death can also be caused by the rapid rottening of aquatic vegetation, which leads to oxygen deficiency and the formation of hydrogen sulfide (H2S), which becomes harmful to fish.



### The objectives

To orient research investigations on fish disease control in aquaculture systems of the Prut hydrographic basin towards fish farmers concerns and needs

To develop jointly the environmentally friendly methods for the reduction of diseases and parasitological outbreaks in farmed fish stocks

To improve the capacity of students, researchers, veterinarians and fish farmers for timely prevention, diagnoses and treatment of fish diseases and parasitoses, and application of sustainable management farming practices

## Project main approach

TeamUp HealthyFish tackles the needs of researchers, fish farmers and local public authorities of informing, participatory involvement, bilateral cooperation to form a holistic and transdisciplinary view. The project will allow sharing of the best practices and issues of a common concern, carrying out laboratory research experiments and field research for investigation of the status of water quality and fish health, sharing of the research results and joint research activities within short term research visits, a joint research workshop; propose, sustainability of fish farming management practices and fish disease treatment methods, transfer of knowledge and strengthening the capacity of researchers, farmers and veterinarians.

