

## 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;

Given the above, the following Call is aimed at the selection of **no. 25 (twenty-five) candidates** 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 (24 hours learning activities with a mix of structured lessons and interactive lectures; 2 hours for the final assessment; 24 hours of personal study) and it is composed of 6 training days of 4 hours each, divided into three modules:

- Module 1 – Sustainable aquaculture
- Module 2 – Innovative technologies and methods for sustainable aquaculture
- Module 3 – Sustainability in aquaculture: communication and innovation

All training days will be held in Bari from February 2025 to June 2026.

The pilot course will be delivered by the Department of Veterinary Medicine of the University of Bari “Aldo Moro” in collaboration with ARTI. The lessons schedule, the teachers and 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.

### Art. 3 – Eligible subjects

The participants will be composed of a group of 20 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;
- at least graduate (1<sup>st</sup> level);
- interested in or operate in the aquaculture sector;
- have a good knowledge of the Italian language (including reading, speaking and writing skills) and basic English language knowledge (only reading and comprehension)
- 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.

### 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](mailto:arti@pec.rupar.puglia.it) with the following object: “MareSkill – Quality Aquaculture Pilot Course”. The deadline for submission is **the 21<sup>st</sup> February 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. The participant's expenses to attend the course are not covered by the MareSkill project.

#### **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 25 (twenty-five), the participants will be selected based on the evaluation of the Annex 3. Should the number of requests be less than 25 (twenty-five), an extension of this call is expected. If the number of requests exceeds the n. of 20, the selection of participants will take place based on the evaluation of Annex 3 as indicated therein. In exceptional conditions the possibility of participating as listeners 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), and shared on the project website <https://www.italy-croatia.eu/it/web/mareskill>.

