



## SOCLIMPACT

Downscaling Climate Impacts  
and decarbonisation  
pathways in EU Islands

### AT A GLANCE

**TITLE:**  
DownScaling CLimate impACTs and de-carbonisation pathways in EU islands, and enhancing socioeconomic and non-market evaluation of Climate Change for Europe, for 2050 and beyond.

**CONSORTIUM:**  
A multidisciplinary consortium of 24 partners

**COORDINATOR:**  
Universidad of Las Palmas de Gran Canaria

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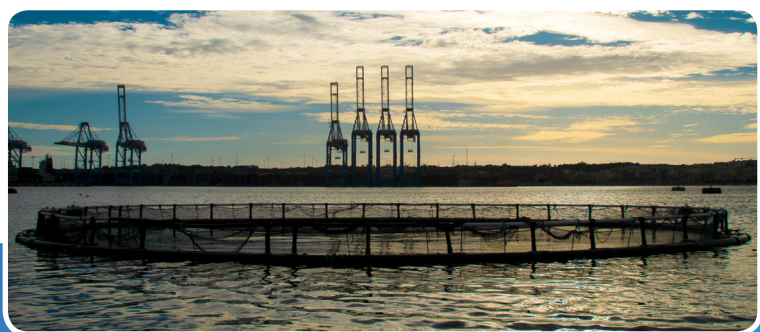
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## SOCLIMPACT

The project aims at modelling and assessing downscaled climate change impacts and low carbon transition pathways in European islands and archipelagos for 2030-2100, complementing current available projections for Europe, and nourishing actual economic models with non-market assessment. The project will develop a thorough understanding on how climate change will impact the EU islands located in different regions (Cyprus and Malta; Baltic Islands, Balearic Islands, Sicilia, Sardinia, Corsica, Crete, Azores, Madeira, Canary Islands and French West Indies)

- Modelling climate impacts
- Modelling socio-economic impacts
- Mapping transition pathways in islands
- Supporting policy decision making processes
- Measuring non-market costs of climate change
- Vulnerability assessment and complex impact chains



## Objectives of SOCLIMPACT

- Contributing to the improvement of the economic valuation of climate impacts and related policies for the EU's Blue Economy sectors, by adopting revealed and stated preference methods
- Increasing the effectiveness of the economic modelling of climate impact chains, through the implementation of an integrated methodological framework (GINFORS, GEM-E3 and non-market indicators), in the analysis of climate induced socioeconomic impacts in 11 EU islands case studies, under different climate scenarios
- Facilitating climate-related policy decision making for Blue Growth, by ranking and mapping the more appropriate mitigation and adaptation strategies
- Delivering downscaled and accurate information to policy makers, practitioners and other relevant stakeholders, about the environmental and socio-economic consequences of global climate change in the EU Blue Economy

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**TYPE:**

Research SME

**LOCATION:**

Mosta, MALTA G. C.

**CAPABILITIES:**

R&D / Consultancy / Engineering

**EXPERTISE:**

Aquaculture / Marine Research  
Blue Growth / Aquatic Environment



## Who we Are

**AquaBioTech Group** is an international aquaculture and fisheries consulting company strategically located in the Mediterranean, on the island of Malta. It operates globally, with clients and projects in over fifty-five countries. Staff are recruited from across the globe, enabling communication with clients in thirteen languages.

**AquaBioTech Group** undertakes a variety of aquaculture, fisheries, marine surveying, aquatic environmental, financial, and technical projects, performed with its selected, worldwide partners.



## Our role in the SOCLIMPACT project

**AquaBioTech Group's** main tasks within the SOCLIMPACT project include:

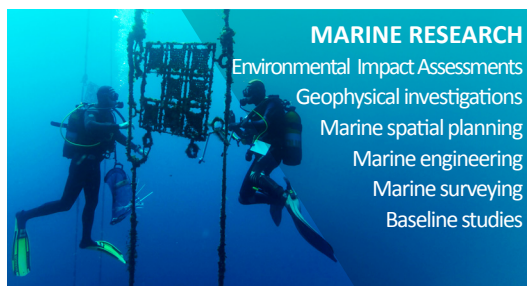
- Act as the Island Focal Point for the Maltese islands and carry out a case study, which includes setting up a local working group, data mining, and undergoing fieldwork to gather data to measure non-market costs of climate change
- Lead and coordinate the sector group for aquaculture, one of the Blue Growth sectors identified by the European Commission
- Lead the identification of packages for adaptation, mitigation and risk management options for the island
- Assist other Island Focal Points regarding the aquaculture activities (impact chains, identification of indicators) for their islands

## Our Research Activities



**AQUACULTURE R&D**

Fish & shellfish hatchery technology  
Health & disease prevention  
Nutraceutical development  
new species development  
Aquatic nutrition research  
Production techniques



**MARINE RESEARCH**

Environmental Impact Assessments  
Geophysical investigations  
Marine spatial planning  
Marine engineering  
Marine surveying  
Baseline studies



**WATER TECHNOLOGIES R&D**

Recirculation Aquaculture Systems  
Aquaponics / hydroponics  
Wastewater treatment  
Energy efficiency  
Sustainability  
Innovation

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