



## PRESS RELEASE

### PROJECT IMPLEMENTATION OF "THE COMPLEX BREAK POINTS IN THE DEVELOPMENT OF COMPETITIVENESS OF THE AQUACULTURE SECTOR "

***The project "Complex break points in the development of competitiveness of the aquaculture sector" (project number: VKSZ\_12-1-2013-0078) is implemented in the frame of Program for R&D Excellence and Competitiveness Treaties within a consortium. Ministry of National Economy ensured 1,235,313,186 HUF from Research and Technological Innovation Fund for project accomplishment.***

Mission in the Hungarian fisheries and aquaculture sector of AquaFuture consortium is to perform market-oriented research and development activities, and to develop innovative, cost-optimized products, techniques, technologies and methods and further development. Enterprises, which deal with pond fish breeding and intensive fish production, represents aquaculture sector from the production side; while companies dealing with market access from fish processing plant ensure the contribution of consortium. Within the consortium, research institutes support professional work of companies. Project contains From Farm to Table elements of conception. Main tasks of the project were generated by demands of entrepreneurs, of which competitiveness are set back by national aquaculture technologies and production, furthermore solution of these problems would step forward a serious market progress for the industry as a whole. The consortium has identified the elements which provide the opportunity to improve and develop breakthrough for the industry. The aquaculture field is needed to fully develop from basis of production to processed products so an impact will be achieved, which generates already a measurable result on our country and the EU at sectoral level.

According to original plans, the project has been started with cooperation of 8 partners. All consortium members – in according to statutory requirements – conducted necessary public procurement procedures of the projects. Research and development (R&D) tasks related to feeding, fish processing, hatchery propagation and induced veterinary technology implementations has been started, and development of the new fish products is taking place in accordance with the preliminary plans.