

# COOPERATION IDEA

## *Fisheries Local Action Groups*

### WOMEN IN FISHERIES

#### Description of cooperation proposed

In the context of the Blue Growth and the local development of the Chioggia and Delta Po area, Chioggia and Delta Po GAC FLAG intends to propose a European Cooperation Project focused on "Women in Fisheries". In the Chioggia and Delta Po district, the proportion of women involved in the fishing industry and aquaculture (water breeding) is approximately one third. Women are employed in several segments of the fish supply chain and they often, on a voluntary basis and without remuneration or any form of protection, contribute unofficially to the management of fishing enterprises. In some cases, the women are present on board the vessels. They deal with the harvesting of the product in the case of aquaculture, but in most cases, the "women in fisheries" (companions, wives, daughters and close relatives) carry out the main activities on shore: from the landing of the product to the transfer to wholesale fish markets; from retail to administrative management of the company; from managing relations with suppliers and merchants, to managing relationship with banks, but also with sea institutions, processing administrative procedures related to the management of the fishing vessel. To this number of women working in fisheries, we could add other categories, such as those employed in scientific research, consultants for business services and women who work throughout the supply chain (retailers, restaurateurs, etc.).

#### **Objectives**

The main objectives of the project are to guarantee equal opportunities in the fishing and aquaculture sectors; to recognize the high added value brought by women in the fisheries sector; to enhance their level of commitment throughout the value chain; and their ability to provide innovative solutions in various fields, such as the environment and employment.

#### **Proposed actions**

The project foresees ensuring the implementation of gender policies and development of equal opportunities in the fisheries and aquaculture sector, with specific reference to the 11 points of the "Declaration of Santiago de Compostela" (Santiago de Compostela, 5-7 November 2018) signed on the occasion of the First International Conference of Women in Fisheries from the 20 participating countries. Training, empowerment and exchange of good practices will also be carried out.

#### **Desired results**

The expected results: the acknowledgment of "undeclared labour" and the legal role of women in fisheries (as already happens in the agriculture sector); the creation of a European Network for Coordination of Women's Roles in Fisheries to stably address the achievements of the project objectives; and for continuity and consolidation of the results.

Looking for partner located: Anywhere

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