



## BLUE\_BOOST Project Steering Committee Meeting and Cross-Field Visit in Albania

November 12-14, 2019

On 12-14 November, Albanian Development Fund organized and hosted 5<sup>th</sup> Steering Committee Meeting and 6<sup>th</sup> Cross-Field Visit of the [BLUE BOOST](#) project in Albania. Transnational delegations, consisting of project partners from other 6 ADRION regions and their respective Blue Growth experts and companies' representatives, had an opportunity to learn more about best practices and innovation challenges in the fields of fisheries and aquaculture in the country by visiting prominent local businesses and examining their work.

In addition, partners had the chance to discuss the state of the art of the project, especially the progress of more than 30 companies from ADRION area that had been awarded with a [€10.000 BLUE BOOST Innovation Voucher](#) each for the implementation of small-scale innovation proposals in traditional or emerging Blue Growth sectors. The implementation of awarded proposals is still ongoing and will last until February 2020.



*Figure 1. Pictures from the SC Meeting*

On the first day of the Cross-Field Visit, participants were acquainted with *Mare Adriatic* and *Ittica San Giovanni*, two SMEs that shared and presented know-how regarding the process of packaging and placement on the market of anchovies, sardines and shrimps. On the second day, participants visited *Almarine – OR* and *Alb-Adriatico*, aquaculture farm-based companies that are cultivating and marketing saltwater fish species, represented by seabream and seabass. Delegations were able to see first-hand a modern structure of circular basins used for fish farming at a strategic point of the Vlora Bay.



*Figure 2. Pictures from the Cross Field Visit*