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Executive Summary

Deliverable D8.6 - Local Workshops, Conferences and Dissemination Activities, presents a comprehensive summary of the INNOECOFOOD consortium's dissemination and visibility activities conducted through local workshops, scientific conferences, exhibitions, and stakeholder outreach initiatives. These actions were undertaken in line with Work Package 8 (WP8) objectives, aimed at increasing awareness, building networks, and transferring knowledge from the project to diverse audiences, including policymakers, researchers, farmers, industry actors, and the broader public.

During the reporting period up to Month 19, the consortium achieved considerable outreach across partner countries through both physical and virtual platforms. These events served as a critical bridge between research outputs and stakeholder engagement, aligning strongly with Horizon Europe's goals of knowledge valorisation and responsible research and innovation.

One of the flagship achievements was the Joint Cluster Conference titled "Enhancing Sustainable and Resilient Agroecology", held in May 2025. The virtual event was co-organised by INNOECOFOOD, TRANSECT, and D4AgEcol projects. It drew 70 participants and featured 22 speakers across three core sessions: (1) Sustainable Approaches in Agroecology and Food Processing, (2) Digitalisation Tools for Sustainable AgriFood Systems, and (3) Strengthening Community and Stakeholder Involvement. This event successfully initiated cross-project learning and joint exploitation discussions, reinforcing the European Commission's push for collaboration among funded projects.

Beyond conferences, dissemination activities included exhibitions, academic posters, flyers, and institutional newsletters. Novel food products developed under WP6 and WP7—such as biscuits, nutrient bars, soups, extruded snacks, and scones using fish, crickets, and spirulina—were showcased during public-facing events. These products were trialled in multiple countries with highly positive consumer feedback.

The consortium also continued its digital dissemination efforts. The INNOECOFOOD website, LinkedIn page, and YouTube channel remained active, with new uploads of newsletters, videos, and project highlights. A total of four YouTube videos and two newsletters were produced during the reporting period. Practice Abstracts were compiled under Deliverable D8.4 and submitted for publication through the EIP-AGRI platform, ensuring long-term accessibility for farmers and practitioners.

In summary, the activities reported under Deliverable D8.6 have significantly contributed to the visibility, reach, and impact of the INNOECOFOOD project. The consortium's coordinated approach to dissemination and stakeholder engagement has ensured that scientific results are not only shared within academic circles but also reach the hands of practitioners, communities, and decision-makers across Africa and Europe. This deliverable underscores the project's commitment to inclusive knowledge transfer, uptake, and the co-development of sustainable, community-led food systems.

Background of the INNOECOFOOD Project

INNOECOFOOD is a Horizon Europe-funded Research and Innovation Action (RIA) that seeks to transform local agri-food systems in six African countries by establishing innovative, climate-resilient, and inclusive production ecosystems known as ECOHUBS. These hubs are designed to serve as Living Labs and business incubators that combine smart technologies with local knowledge to improve nutrition, build resilient livelihoods, and support green economic growth in Africa.

The project's central goal is to develop and scale up circular, community-driven value chains for aquaculture (catfish and tilapia), blue-green algae (spirulina), and insects (such as crickets and black soldier fly). These chains were selected for their high nutritional value, economic potential, low environmental footprint, and ability to adapt to local climate and resource conditions. INNOECOFOOD aims to bring these innovations to Technology Readiness Level 7 (TRL7) — demonstrating real-world application of lab-tested solutions in partnership with rural communities.

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To achieve this, the project integrates cutting-edge digital solutions, including Artificial Intelligence (AI), Internet of Things (IoT), and precision monitoring systems, to optimise resource use (e.g., water, energy), enhance productivity, and ensure traceability. Additionally, INNOECOFOOD promotes renewable energy-powered chilling and drying technologies, waste-to-value circular processes, and certified food safety protocols to boost the quality and marketability of end products.

A defining characteristic of INNOECOFOOD is its farm-to-fork approach, connecting sustainable production with food processing, value addition, and access to both local and regional (EU-AU) markets. This integrated model is tailored to empower women, youth, and smallholder farmers by providing technical training, entrepreneurial support, and access to digital tools, thereby fostering inclusive economic participation and skills development.

The project is implemented by a multi-actor consortium of 20 partners across Europe and Africa, representing universities, research institutes, innovation hubs, SMEs, NGOs, and government entities. Implementation takes place across six countries: Kenya, Tanzania, Uganda, Ghana, Namibia, and Egypt. The consortium applies a participatory methodology, engaging community members through Living Labs, Training of Trainers (ToTs), and ECOHUB Demonstration Sites to co-create solutions and ensure local ownership.

Effective communication, dissemination, and exploitation are central pillars of the INNOECOFOOD strategy. These activities aim not only to increase awareness and uptake of the project's innovations but also to influence policy, foster academic collaboration, and ensure long-term sustainability of results.

Deliverable D8.6 specifically documents the local workshops, stakeholder events, scientific conferences, exhibitions, and other dissemination activities carried out from project initiation through Month 19. These activities reflect the project's proactive efforts to share knowledge, strengthen partnerships, and reach diverse audiences including policy-makers, researchers, industry stakeholders, students, and rural communities.

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Through these multifaceted actions, INNOECOFOOD continues to make measurable progress towards its broader mission: supporting Africa's transition to a more sustainable, circular, and inclusive food system, while building strong scientific and innovation bridges between Europe and Africa.

Objectives

The primary objective of Deliverable D8.6 is to document and evaluate the local workshops, conferences, and dissemination activities carried out by the INNOECOFOOD consortium during the first 19 months of the project. These activities are core components of the broader communication, dissemination, and exploitation strategy defined under Work Package 8 (WP8), and are essential for increasing the visibility, scientific impact, and societal relevance of the project.

More specifically, this deliverable aims to:

i. **Capture Knowledge Sharing Events and Stakeholder Engagement Activities**

- Report on national and local workshops, stakeholder consultations, and training sessions organised or attended by consortium partners to present INNOECOFOOD research, share innovations, and foster dialogue with communities, government institutions, and private actors.
- Highlight events that engaged women, youth, smallholder farmers, and local entrepreneurs—especially in ECOHUB locations.

ii. **Showcase Scientific Contributions and Outreach at Conferences**

- Document partner participation in national, regional, and international scientific conferences (oral presentations, poster sessions, panel discussions) where INNOECOFOOD concepts, methodologies, and results were disseminated.
- Provide summaries of each conference/event, detailing titles, dates, locations, presentation topics, and associated work packages (WPs).

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iii. **Support Project Visibility and Policy Uptake**

- Demonstrate how INNOECOFOOD research and innovations were shared with policymakers, sector stakeholders, and wider audiences to influence policy, support scale-up, and strengthen market linkages.
- Include examples of exhibitions, government-led events, and joint activities with EU-AU platforms or initiatives.

iv. **Monitor Alignment with Communication & Dissemination Plan (D8.15)**

- Assess how the recorded activities align with the updated Communication, Dissemination, and Exploitation Plan (D8.15), ensuring that targets for outreach, visibility, and stakeholder engagement are being met.

v. **Promote Synergies with Cluster and Related Projects**

- Capture events such as the Joint Cluster Conference co-organised with D4AgEcol and TRANSECT, showcasing collaboration, knowledge exchange, and mutual learning between EU-funded projects with aligned objectives.

Dissemination Strategy

Results and knowledge outputs from INNOECOFOOD will be disseminated to key stakeholders and the aquaculture value chain actors from local and international communities with the assistance of JRC: local leaders, youth and women smallholder farmers, scientists, national and regional policy makers and SMEs focusing on aquaculture products.

The project will also maximize dissemination activities and promote the use of knowledge outputs and results to farmers' organizations, academic institutions and local training centres.

The dissemination activities to be applied in the project include technical reports, publication in local and international peer reviewed journals, policy briefs booklets, leaflets from the Information Management System (IMS), trainings, demonstration workshops,

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Virtual ECOHUB (**CVH.Africa**), conference presentations, exhibitions, food fairs, market days, educational videos and short documentaries.

Diverse media for dissemination will reach a wider audience through YouTube, blog posts and social media posts, Aquaculture Digital Marketplace in the CVH.Africa, INNOECOFOOD website, participating institution websites, SARNISSA website and regional fisheries bodies organizations with a goal to influence policy, attract key stakeholders in aquaculture, spirulina and insects' value chains.

Local Workshops, Conferences, and Dissemination Activities

Over the first 18 months of implementation, the INNOECOFOOD consortium has actively engaged in a wide range of outreach, dissemination, and stakeholder mobilisation activities aligned with its communication and exploitation strategy. These initiatives have played a vital role in ensuring that project innovations, research findings, and best practices reach their intended audiences from smallholder farmers and youth groups in ECOHUB communities to national policymakers, scientists, and international collaborators. Through local workshops, community trainings, regional conferences, and high-level scientific forums, partners have promoted awareness of INNOECOFOOD's objectives, fostered local ownership of project innovations, and amplified its visibility across Africa and Europe. This chapter presents a detailed account of these engagements, showcasing the diverse formats and strategic relevance of each activity in advancing the project's mission of inclusive, climate-smart, and nutrition-sensitive food systems transformation.

Effective dissemination and communication are central pillars of the INNOECOFOOD project's strategy to maximise impact, foster stakeholder engagement, and ensure the visibility and uptake of project outcomes. Throughout the first 18 months, the consortium actively engaged in a wide range of dissemination activities across multiple channels. These included participation in scientific conferences and local workshops, targeted outreach via the project website, and consistent updates through professional social media platforms such as LinkedIn. In addition, press releases and media engagement were utilised to reach broader public audiences.

Conferences

The INNOECOFOOD project or the results obtained within its scope were presented at X conferences, in the form of 6 posters presentations and 4 oral communications. It was also co-organised the Joint Cluster Conference, with D4AgEcol and TRANSECT.

I Congresso InsectERA "Os insetos como ferramenta de sustentabilidade (ENG: 1st InsectERA Congress "Insects as a tool for sustainability")

Date and location: 23 October 2024 Estoril, Portugal

Type of participation: Poster presentation

Title of the presentation: O uso de insetos e spirulina em dietas para a tilápia-do-Nilo (*Oreochromis niloticus*) (ENG: The use of Insects and Spirulina in diets for Nile tilapia (*Oreochromis niloticus*)

Brief summary of the dissemination activity: This poster showcased results on the zootechnical performance of Nile tilapia (*Oreochromis niloticus*) juveniles fed experimental diets in which fish meal was replaced by insect meal and/or spirulina, as part of the work conducted under WP3. The potential of insects for aquafeeds was particularly highlighted. The audience included all stakeholders from the insect production sector, policy makers, and researchers (Figure 1).

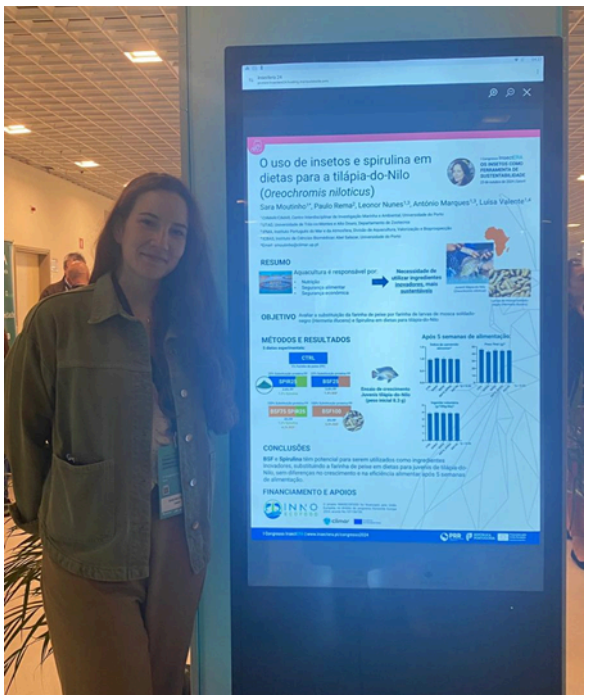

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Figure 1. Sara Moutinho from CIIMAR representing the INNOECOFOOD project at the I Congresso InsectERA, held in Estoril, Portugal.

The Fisheries And Aquaculture Research For A Vibrant Blue Economy Conference

Theme: "The Science we Need for a Sustainable Blue Economy"

Date and Location: 29 – 31 October 2024

Arusha International Conference Centre (AICC), Arusha, Tanzania

Target Audience: The conference brought together over 15 countries, attracting a broad range of stakeholders including high-level policymakers (e.g., the Minister of Livestock and Fisheries, Hon. Abdallah Ulega, and Deputy Permanent Secretary Dr. Edwin Mhede), government officials, researchers, NGOs, fisheries officers, local fishers, and university students. It served as a regional platform for knowledge exchange and policy engagement on advancing sustainable blue economies.

Type of Participation: Exhibitor (project showcase at exhibition arena)

Title/Topic of the Presentation: INNOECOFOOD Project: Transforming Local Aquaculture through Innovation, Circular Economy and Inclusive ECOHUBS in Africa

Brief Summary of the Dissemination Activity: The INNOECOFOOD project was showcased at the exhibition arena throughout the three-day event. The presentation focused on the project's approach to empowering local communities through the development of integrated ECOHUBS that leverage climate-smart aquaculture, spirulina, and insect value chains. Special emphasis was placed on the use of AI, IoT, and circular economy principles to enhance sustainability, reduce post-harvest losses, and generate novel, nutritious food products. Project brochures, flyers, and visuals were displayed to inform attendees of the project's scope, objectives, partners, and early achievements. The INNOECOFOOD booth attracted wide interest and enabled direct engagement with key decision-makers, including the Minister and Deputy Permanent Secretary, creating visibility for the project at the national and regional levels. This event significantly contributed to raising awareness of INNOECOFOOD's innovations and aligning them with Tanzania's national blue economy agenda (Figure 2).

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Figure 2. Deogratias Mulokozi - the INNOECOFOOD contact person for Tanzania (TAFIRI), giving explanation about the INNOECOFOOD project to Dr. Prisca Mziray - the Centre Director for TAFIRI Kigoma, during *The Fisheries And Aquaculture Research For A Vibrant Blue Economy Conference*.

Tropical Summit – Foreseeing Answers to Global Challenges

Date and location: 4 – 8 November 2024, Lisbon Congress Center, Lisboa, Portugal

Type of participation: Oral communication

Titles of the presentation: INNOECOFOOD – Eco-innovative technologies for improved nutrition, sustainable production and marketing of agroecological food products in Africa

Brief summary of the dissemination activity: Presentation of the INNOECOFOOD project, WP1.

Climate Smart & Safe Aquaculture Conference

Date and location: 21 - 22 May, 2025, Algés, Portugal

Type of participation: Oral presentation

Title/Topic of the presentation: Incorporating Insect Meal and Spirulina in Diets for Nile Tilapia: Opportunities and Challenges for African Aquaculture

Brief summary of the dissemination activity: This presentation focused on introducing the INNOECOFOOD project, along with results from the feeding trial conducted under WP3 with Nile tilapia (*Oreochromis niloticus*) juveniles. It highlighted the effects of replacing fish meal with insect meal and/or spirulina on growth performance, nutrient utilisation, fillet quality,

and response to lower water temperatures. The audience included students, researchers from various fields, and representatives from the aquaculture and aquafeed industries (Figure 3).

Figure 3. Sara Moutinho from CIIMAR introducing the INNOECOFOOD project and presenting results from the feeding trial conducted under WP3 with Nile tilapia (*Oreochromis niloticus*) juveniles at the Climate Smart & Safe Aquaculture Conference, held in Algés, Portugal.

Joint Cluster Conference: Enhancing Sustainable and Resilient Agroecology

Theme: Sustainable Agroecology, Digitalisation, and Community Engagement in Agri-Food Systems

Date and Location: 27 May 2025, online (Zoom platform)

Target Audience: Researchers, practitioners, policymakers, and stakeholders from EU-AU agroecology and food systems projects; attendees from the three cluster projects (INNOECOFOOD, TRANSECT, D4AgEcol), and external participants with interest in sustainable agri-food development.

Type of Participation: Conference organiser and speaker participation by INNOECOFOOD partners

Topic of the Presentation: Multiple presentations from INNOECOFOOD on project results across agroecology, food processing, digital tools, and community engagement

Brief Summary of the Dissemination Activity:

A Joint Cluster Conference was organised by the INNOECOFOOD project (led by NKSB) in collaboration with cluster projects AGROECOLOGY-TRANSECT and D4AgEcol. Held on 27 May

2025 via Zoom, the event gathered 70 participants and featured 22 speakers. The conference showcased synergies and project outcomes under three thematic sessions:

- Sustainable Approaches in Agroecology and Food Processing
- Digitalisation Tools for Sustainable Agri-Food Systems
- Strengthening Community and Stakeholder Involvement in Sustainable Agri-Food Development

Interactive roundtable discussions fostered knowledge exchange with contributions from external participants. This conference marked a key milestone in EU-funded agroecology collaboration, laying a strong foundation for future joint initiatives. The programme and video recordings are publicly available on the INNOECOFOOD project website for wider dissemination and engagement (Figure 4).

Figure 4. Zoom window screenshot taken during the online Joint Cluster Conference: Enhancing Sustainable and Resilient Agroecology.

World Food Safety Day. Food Safety: Science in Action

Date and location: 7 June 2025, Faculty of Veterinary Medicine, University of Lisboa, Portugal

Type of participation: Two poster presentations

Titles of the presentations:

Poster 1) INNOECOFOOD Project: Ensuring food safety through agroecological aquaculture and smart ECOHUBS in Africa

Poster 2) Valorization of catfish and Nile tilapia by-products: protein hydrolysates as safe and sustainable nutritional and functional ingredients

Brief summary of the dissemination activity:

Poster 1) Presentation of INNOECOFOOD project (WP1).

Poster 2) Presentation of the experimental results obtained under the WP6 (Figure 5).

(https://www.fmv.ulisboa.pt/pt/noticias/faculdade/dia-mundial-da-seguranca-dos-alimentos-food-safety-science-in-action)

Figure 5. Left: Member of CIIMAR team (left to right: Maria Leonor Nunes, Mariana Palma, Carla Pires) presenting Poster 1; Right: member of FMV and CIIMAR (left to right: Busenur Özkan, Carla Pires) presenting Poster 2, during "*World Food Safety Day. Food Safety: Science in Action*".

World Aquaculture Safari 2025

Title of the event: Conference - World Aquaculture Safari 2025

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Date and location: 24 – 27 June, 2025, Entebbe, Uganda

Type of participation: Two oral communications and two poster presentations

Title of the presentation:

Oral communications 1) Fish Protein Hydrolysates from Nile Perch (*Lates niloticus*) Side Streams

Oral communication 2) Incorporating Insect Meal and Spirulina in Diets for Nile Tilapia: Opportunities and Challenges for African Aquaculture

Poster 1) Smoked catfish fillets (*Clarias gariepinus*) using innovative processes

Poster 2) Environmental assessment of a local ECOHUB farm to develop value chains of tilapia, spirulina and insect

Brief summary of the dissemination activity:

Oral communication 1) Latest research and scientific results on the recovery of trimmings and side steam from the Nile perch (*Lates niloticus*) processing (Category 3), using an optimised procedure with four different hydrolysis systems: Alcalase (A), Protana (P), Alcalase+Protana in a single step (AP) and Alcalase followed by Protana in a two-step process (A_P) to produce protein hydrolysates (FPH). The most relevant results were: (i) FPHs from Nile perch are safe (absence of Hg, Cd and Pb and emerging and persistent pollutants) and have an interesting nutritional value; (ii) hydrolysis with Alcalase and Protana (AP) (one or two steps) improved the protein yield as well as the antioxidant and biological properties; (iii) FPHs obtained with Alcalase and Protana (FPH_AP and FPH_A_P) have greater potential for promising applications in the food and customised animal feed sector. For economic reasons, the most interesting approach is a single step hydrolysis with Alcalase and Protana (WP6).

Oral communication 2) The presentation, delivered at the World Aquaculture Safari 2025 Conference, an event that attracted over 1,800 attendees from 79 countries worldwide, with a majority from Africa. This was a great opportunity to disseminate the INNOECOFOOD project and present results from the growth trial conducted under WP3 with Nile tilapia (*Oreochromis niloticus*) juveniles. This presentation highlighted the potential of ingredients produced in African countries that will be further delivered by Innoecofood EcoHUBS: insect

meal and spirulina. The formulation achieved complete fishmeal replacement (previously included at 5%) with insect meal and spirulina, ensuring high growth performance, feed efficiency, and nutrient digestibility without negative impact on fish health or welfare. Additionally, insect meal inclusion lowered fillet lipid peroxidation and improved the fish's resilience to decreasing water temperatures. The audience included aquaculture researchers, industry professionals, feed manufacturers, policymakers, and graduate students. There was a high number of fish farming micro, small, and medium enterprises (MSMEs) and their representative associations participating, underscoring their vital role in aquaculture development in the region.

Poster 1) This study aimed to optimise a prototype of smoked fillets of African catfish *Clarias gariepinus*, and to evaluate the effects of different formulations and curing/smoking processes on quality and safety, as well as stability. Various levels of salt and sodium lactate were tested and two independent trials were carried out to identify the ideal formulation for obtaining nutritious, healthy and stable products from a physical, microbiological and sensory point of view. The results showed good acceptability and safety of all products (particularly with no Enterobacteriaceae or Listeria counts) and no significant differences between the formulations. A second phase is now underway with the aim of evaluating the shelf life related to each formulation in order to choose the most suitable one. These results provide valuable information for the freshwater fish aquaculture industry, promoting the development of high-quality smoked catfish products (WP7) (Figure 6).

Poster 2) The poster presented results from the first phase of the Life Cycle Assessment study being developed to evaluate the environmental impacts of the main products produced in the Kenya ECOHUB, including tilapia and catfish farming, spirulina and insect production.

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Figure 6. Member of CIIMAR team (left to right: Maria Leonor Nunes, Luísa Valente) representing the INNOECOFOOD project at the World Aquaculture Safari 2025 Conference, held in Kampala, Uganda.

Table 1: Number of conferences at a glance

Category	Number
Conferences	6
Workshops	1

Dissemination Activities

INNOECOFOOD Youtube Channel

The INNOECOFOOD YouTube channel is a key communication tool showcasing project activities, innovations, and community impact. It features videos on training sessions, ECOHUBs, fieldwork, and events like conferences and workshops (Table 1). By sharing visual content, the channel enhances outreach, stakeholder engagement, and visibility. It supports the project's dissemination goals by making research and practices accessible to wider audiences across Africa, Europe, and beyond.

Table 2: List of contents and link on INNOECOFOOD YouTube Channel

Content Title	Link	Output
How INNOECOFOOD is Transforming African Aquaculture with AI Innovations through the ECOHUBs.	https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=cMxCQlFOUIE	68 views
Joint Cluster Project Conference, Projects Overview	https://youtu.be/lUmiFlkaBkk?si=l2GDAkPLUpJ_rx17	36 views
Sustainable Approaches in Agroecology and Food Processing: Joint Cluster Project Conference	https://youtu.be/yBO9Q7TnSj8?si=rgjMT6bldURSioSf	32 views
S2. Sustainable Approaches in Agroecology and Food Processing: Joint Cluster Project Conference	https://youtu.be/kj4-hmaQkSk?si=fphJjQanF9jgpHZI	24 views
S3. Strengthening Community and Stakeholder Engagement in Sustainable	https://youtu.be/usQRYZJRwzE?si=CFm_5SmPWUcGqb-m	17 views

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Agri-Food Development		

INNOECOFOOD LinkedIn

The INNOECOFOOD LinkedIn page (Figure 7) serves as a dynamic platform for professional engagement and visibility. With over 1,000 followers and more than 200,000 users reached through post views, likes, and reposts, the platform plays a vital role in disseminating project updates, research findings, and event highlights. It fosters interaction with stakeholders, researchers, and the public, significantly contributing to the project's outreach, networking, and knowledge exchange objectives.

INNOECOFOOD LinkedIn page: https://www.linkedin.com/company/innoecofood/posts/?feedView=all

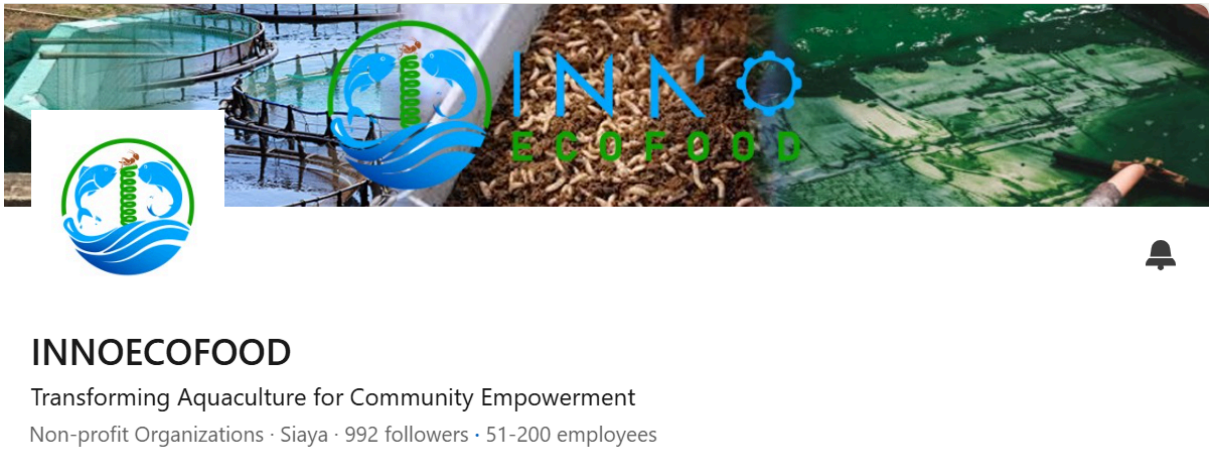

Figure 7. Header of the project's LinkedIn profile page.

INNOECOFOOD Website

The INNOECOFOOD website serves as the central hub for sharing project progress, research publications, scientific and community events, stakeholder engagements, and conference presentations. It is regularly updated to ensure timely communication of activities and results, fostering transparency and visibility. The platform supports outreach to diverse

audiences, including researchers, policymakers, community members, and the general public, and enhances collaboration across all participating countries and partners (Table 2).

Table 3: List of contents and links on INNOECOFOOD website.

Section of the Website	Title	Link	Output
News updates			
	INNOECOFOOD Project Kicks Off at CIIMAR Headquarters	https://innoecofood.eu/innoecofood-project-kicks-off-at-ciimar-headquarters/	517 views
	INNOECOFOOD Gets Warm Reception by Got Osimbo Community in Siaya County, Kenya	https://innoecofood.eu/innoecofood-gets-warm-reception-by-got-osimbo-community-in-siaya-county/	339 views
	Makerere University Team Assesses Potential Sites for Hosting the Mini Living Lab and Fish Processing Unit	https://innoecofood.eu/makerere-university-team-assesses-potential-sites-for-hosting-the-mini-living-lab-fish-processing-unit/	520 views
	INNOECOFOOD and Kenya Marine and Fisheries Research Institute Partner with Siaya County	https://innoecofood.eu/innoecofood-and-kenya-marine-and-fisheries-research-institute-partner-with-siaya-county/	568 Views
Press release			
	€7M InnoEcoFood Project Launches to	https://innoecofood.eu/news - project-launch	227 views

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	Transform African Aquaculture		
	INNOECOFOOD Coordination Meeting Month 6	https://innoecofood.eu/event-item/progress-workshop-6-month-meeting/	23 views
	World Aquaculture Safari	https://innoecofood.eu/event-item/world-aquaculture-safari-2025/	855 views

INNOECOFOOD Newsletter

Within the first 18 months of the project, **three newsletters** have been successfully produced and distributed electronically through the website and snippet post on social media, each covering a six-month reporting period: January - June 2024, July - December 2024, and January - June 2025 (Figure 8). These newsletters highlight key project milestones, research developments, community engagement activities, scientific events, and upcoming initiatives. They play a crucial role in maintaining consistent communication with stakeholders, partners, and the wider public across Africa and Europe.

Figure 8. INNOECOFOOD Newsletter, Volume 1, Issue 1, December 2024.

Conclusion

Deliverable D8.6 highlights the INNOECOFOOD project's strong commitment to knowledge sharing, stakeholder engagement, and visibility through diverse dissemination and communication activities. From participation in high-impact scientific conferences and local workshops to the use of digital platforms such as the project website, LinkedIn, YouTube, and newsletters, the consortium has made significant strides in raising awareness and sharing project results across Africa and Europe. These efforts support the broader goal of fostering sustainable, inclusive, and innovative food systems.