On February 28, 2024, an compendium workshop titled "The Impact of Global Warming on Aquaculture" was held within the framework of the Erasmus+ KA2 project "The Digital Blue Carrier for a Post-Carbon Future – Curriculum Innovations in Aquaculture [DiBluCa]", Project No. 2023-1-LT01-KA220-HED-000154247. The event gathered representatives from aquaculture enterprises, academic and teaching staff, and students in higher education. The seminar aimed to create a collaborative platform for discussing pressing issues related to the development of the aquaculture sector amidst ecological and climate changes driven by global warming.

The 2015 Paris Climate Agreement emphasizes the urgency of finding comprehensive solutions to address climate change. This has profound political and economic implications, particularly for countries heavily reliant on the aquaculture sector. Changes in water quality and temperature significantly affect aquaculture operations, underscoring the relevance of this seminar. Global warming and its impact on aquaculture are issues of growing international concern.

The event featured participants, including the Chief Technologist of LLC "SP System," freshwater aquaculture enterprises, environmental experts, and representatives from four Ukrainian higher education institutions and a vocational college: Odesa National University of Technology, Lviv Polytechnic National University, Kharkiv National Automobile and Highway University, National Technical University "Kharkiv Polytechnic Institute," and the Professional College of Oil and Gas Technologies, Engineering, and Service Infrastructure of ONUT. Scientists from the State Institution "Institute of Marine Biology of the National Academy of Sciences of Ukraine," undergraduate and postgraduate students specializing in "Ecology," "Environmental Protection Technologies," and "Meat and Fish Product Technologies" also actively participated.

The seminar comprised presentations, reports, and discussions addressing various aspects of the current state and future prospects of aquaculture under global climate change. Industry representatives highlighted the growing demand for expert professionals in response to shifts in the aquaculture business and the labor market's adaptation to modern challenges. Higher education institutions presented their vision for adaptive mechanisms in aquaculture to combat global warming and emphasized the need to further develop higher education in this area. Constructive dialogue centered on the role of aquaculture in supporting the national economy, the current state and prospects for aquaculture development in Ukraine, the ecological dimensions of aquaculture, and the effects of climate change on aquaculture and fisheries. Discussions also focused on researching the impact of global warming factors on aquaculture and defining the critical importance of preparing specialists for the aquaculture sector in the context of climate change.

The seminar concluded with a stakeholder survey on the development of specialized programs in aquaculture to address climate change adaptation and confirmed the urgency of training professionals to meet these challenges.











