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# AQUANAVI

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- **Aquatic ecosystems** are under pressure due to global change drivers, e.g. pollution, habitat degradation, rising temperatures, and ocean acidification
  - **Aquatic experimental research infrastructures (RIs)** allow studying the impact of these drivers in controlled but realistic environments, thus delivering the basis for **predictions** and the development of **mitigation measures**
  - Information on the **technical specifications** and location of these RIs is available at [aquacosm.eu](http://aquacosm.eu) and [mesocosm.org](http://mesocosm.org), but it is **not searchable nor machine readable** and is far from exhaustive
  - **Publications are not systematically linked** to the RIs
  - This **lack of easy access** to information does **not** comply with the **FAIR** principles and **limits usage** of these valuable RIs and of previously acquired knowledge
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- Inconsistent terminology of facility metadata and relevant concepts:
    - Development of additional **controlled vocabulary** for describing facilities and their experimental capacities (including grand ecological challenges)
    - Streamlining of terminology together with **RI user community**
  - Lacking link of RIs and publications stemming from them:
    - Manual **annotation of publications**
  - Incomplete and outdated facility metadata:
    - Improving **options for easy contribution** of updated information
  - Lacking options for searching and filtering across RIs:
    - Development of a **schema for metadata linking**
    - Development of **AI-driven search and filtering functions**
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## - AI-driven visualizations:

- Searchable Geo Maps for RIs and linked technical information
- Dynamic, interactive Knowledge Maps and Streamgraphs of relevant publications and datasets

## - FAIR knowledge graph:

- Representation of assembled metadata of facilities and publications in WikiData

## - Integration into a community-run website:

- All search options will be made available at [mesocosm.org](https://mesocosm.org)



- Facility and publication metadata will stay openly available via **Wikidata**
  - AQUANAVI will be connected to the **ENVRI HUB and EOSC services**
  - The AI-driven visualization components are hosted by **Open Knowledge Maps**
  - The team is well connected with the [aquacosm.eu](https://aquacosm.eu) **community of future users** and will spread the word through mailing lists, on conferences and on social media
  - The project principles and processes will provide a framework that allows others to implement similar systems in other domains and **inspire greater open collaborative exposure** of scientific knowledge transfer
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