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Through the EU-project AQUAEXCEL, European researchers can apply for conducting research experiments at several aquaculture research facilities in Europe. In Norway, Nofima has two research facilities that are very modern and highly equipped, with plenty of opportunities.

The AQUAEXCEL project unites major aquaculture experimental facilities with capacity to carry out experimental trials on a selection of commercially important fish species and system types. These facilities are made available to the research community for Transnational Access (TNA) with the support of the European Union 7th Framework Programme for Research and Technological Development (Infrastructures).

Nofima (the Norwegian Institute of Food, Fisheries and Aquaculture Research) has two facilities to offer: Nofima Centre for Recirculation in Aquaculture (NCRA) at the west coast and the Norwegian Cod Breeding Centre at the northern coast.

These facilities cover a wide range of production systems (recirculation, flow-through, cage and hatchery); environments (freshwater and marine, cold and temperate water); scales (small, medium and industrial scale); fish species (salmonids and cod); and fields of expertise (nutrition, physiology, health and welfare, genetics, engineering, monitoring and management technologies).

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