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EU4Algae

a collaborative European stakeholders forum on algae

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Introduction

A warm welcome to our dearest EU4Algae members, who have been with us for some time or just recently joined.



We are glad to have you on board one of the biggest EU algae communities!

Your collaboration and bottom-up contribution to the EU4Algae activities are crucial to developing the algae sector in Europe. At present, **you are one of**

850+ members working in our 7 working groups from all over Europe and other parts of the world.

The quarterly EU4Algae newsletter aims to update subscribers on previous activities and upcoming ones. You can expect an overview of events, both (co)-hosted by EU4Algae as well as external ones, interesting calls for projects, policy updates, and, of course, news on our knowledge library – to which contributions from EU4Algae members are more than welcome.

What to expect

A key novelty of this second edition is our dedicated section to highlight and disseminate EU-funded algae projects: **EU4Algae Insider's Perspective!** If you are interested in seeing your project, study, or initiative featured in upcoming editions, make sure to send us an email to contact@eu4algae.eu..

Also, the <u>Maritime Forum online platform</u> is being updated, including the EU4Algae's <u>Licensing Toolkit</u>, <u>Knowledge Library</u> and <u>Algae Business</u> <u>Corner</u> where we feature open calls for proposals.

Moreover, the **1st ever EU Algae Awareness Summit**, which was held **on 5-7 October 2023** at the Maison de l'Océan in Paris, kicked off a process to promote and raise awareness among EU Member States' administrations and the public on the benefits of algae-based products and algae farming. Through the algae sector updates from global and European algae sector leaders, high-level speeches, participatory group discussions, workshops and an exhibition area with algae products and a virtual experience, event participants learned about algae's multifaceted contributions to society and (hopefully) got inspired to increase their support for the algae sector.

After the summit, **BlueInvest and EU4Algae co-hosted the first-ever e- Pitching session dedicated to the algae sector on 11 October**. This exclusive initiative was meant for five top projects, where five selected companies (out of the 36 applications received) were EU-based start-ups or small- to medium-sized enterprises (SMEs) with a product, technology, or solution in the algae sector, and had the chance to pitch their solution in front of a panel of potentially interested investors.

On a celebratory note, we marked the **World Algae Day on 12 October** with a **publication on our online platform**, so make sure to give it a peek!

Must reads

1st EU Algae Awareness Summit

The 1st EU Algae Awareness Summit took place from 5 to 7 October at the Oceanographic Institute in Paris. The event was co-organised by the European Commission, the French Government, and the Global Seaweed Coalition (UN Global Compact) with the support of the Oceanographic Institute, Prince Albert I of Monaco Foundation.





EU4Algae The Insider's Perspective

To give visibility to EU4Algae members' key research findings, business opportunities and innovations relevant to the algae industry, we are kicking off a dedicated section where we will be 'giving the floor' to all partners working in the industry to encourage them to share their projects and success stories and divulge them with the Algae community.



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EU4Algae Actions

Participate in the EU4Algae WG6 survey!

Working Group 6 of EU4ALGAE aims to promote emerging applications of algae related to Materials/Chemicals/Bioactives further than conventional uses by improving the business environment and cooperation across the algae sector.



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EU4Algae Knowledge Library

EU4Algae is becoming an information hub for the algae sector. In this section, we highlight some recently published reports/papers of interest for the EU4Algae members, also available on our website.

- New and Emerging Markets Report, 2023: In this edition, the World Bank examines ten emerging seaweed markets and estimates that their growth potential could be up to US\$11.8 billion by 2030. Despite this projection, much of the seaweed sector's additional value remains untapped - it has clear growth potential beyond its current markets. See the full report here.
- Analysis of Farmed Seaweed Carbon Crediting and Novel Markets to Help Decarbonise Supply Chains, 2023: In this edition, Bain & Company, in partnership with The Nature Conservancy (TNC), examines the potential to support significant near-term growth over the next five to ten years in seaweed farming. Read it here.
- Algae and climate Study, 2023: This study builds on an extensive literature review, a survey, and in-depth interviews to investigate the potential of 10 microalgae and macroalgae production systems in contributing to animal feed requirements in the EU. It assesses the EU potential for algae production that could be supported by current CO2 point-source emissions and could contribute to animal feed requirements. Download it here.
- Unlocking Blue Carbon Development: Investment Readiness
 Framework for Governments, 2023: The purpose of this paper is to
 provide a practical framework to guide governments in catalysing and

scaling up public and private investment in Blue Carbon as part of their blue economy development. It does this by describing in detail a Blue Carbon Readiness Framework, a step-by-step, well-illustrated guide with simple checklists. The annual CO2 mitigation potential by seaweed is recognised, and there are further interesting acknowledgements related to seaweed. Download it here.

Business Opportunities

One of EU4Algae's objectives is to identify and drive forward the EU algae business environment by promoting entrepreneurship and business creation and compiling and gathering information on the calls and projects published under EU funding programmes. In this section, you will find open and upcoming calls for proposals and other opportunities.

- Call for Applications to the BlueInvest Readiness Assistance
 Programme Deadline date: 15 December 2023. More information here.
- Call for Scaling-up EU Cultivation of Algae and Shellfish (Procedure reference number: CINEA/2023/OP/0018) Deadline date: 19 February 2024, 15:00 Brussels time. More information here.
- Call for Impact of the Development of Novel Foods Based on Alternative Sources of Proteins (Call identifier: HORIZON-CL6-2024-FARM2FORK-01-7) - Deadline date: 22 February 2024 17:00 Brussels time. More information here.

For your calendar

Upcoming events

Online Seminar for FLAGs: The Ecological Transition

Where: Online

When: Thursday, 30 November 2023, 09:30 (CET)

More information here.

1st Online Workshop of the EU Blue Parks Community

Where: Online

When: Wednesday, 6 December 2023

Registration link: <u>EUSurvey - Survey (europa.eu)</u>

More information here.

AlgaEurope 2023

Where: Prague (Czech Republic)

When: Tuesday 12 December 2023, 00:00 - Friday 15 December 2023, 23:45

(CET)

Registration link: Registration (algaeurope.org)

More information here.

European Maritime Day 2024

Where: Svendborg (Denmark)

When: Thursday 30 May 2024 - Friday 31 May 2024

Apply for workshops link: <u>EUSurvey - Survey (europa.eu)</u>

More information here.

Seagriculture EU 2024

Where: Tórshavn (Faroe Islands)

When: Tuesday 18 June 2024 - Thursday 20 June 2024

Registration link: Seagriculture EU 2024 Registration

More information here.

Stay tuned to EU4Algae's interesting outcomes early next year, related to identifying market stimulation actions, promoting entrepreneurship and business creation, and tracking algae-related EU calls and projects.

Whilst waiting for the next newsletter to arrive in your inbox, we invite you to send us your feedback and/or suggestions, be it to the newsletter, the EU4Algae Forum online or anything else related to the project. You can reach us at contact@eu4algae.eu.



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