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EUROPEAN MARITIME DAY

## Brest

24-25 May 2023

## EU4Algae Roadshow

*Spotlight on innovative EU  
algae projects*



# **AGENDA**

16h15-16h20: **Welcome and introduction**

16h20-16h30: **The EU Algae Initiative and EU4Algae**

16h30- 17h00: **Presentation of the 4 flagship projects:**

Realm, Seamark, Circalgae, and AlgaeProBANOS.

17h00-17h20: **Moderated panel discussion**

17h20-17h30: **Q&A & wrap up of the session**



# EU Algae Initiative

## Latest developments and next steps

European Maritime Day  
24 May 2023

*Maris Stulgis*  
*Policy Officer Blue Bioeconomy, Algae &  
Aquaculture*

*DG MARE – European Commission*

# The EU algae initiative was announced mid-November 2022



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PARLIAMENT, THE COUNCIL, THE EUROPEAN ECONOMIC AND SOCIAL  
COMMITTEE AND THE COMMITTEE OF THE REGIONS**

**Towards a Strong and Sustainable EU Algae Sector**

{SWD(2022) 361 final}



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European Commissioner for Environ

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Pioneering EU initiative just out!

We present 23 actions to boost the Algae sector in Europe.



# The EU Algae Initiative – How did we get there?

## Problems

- High production costs
- Low-scale production
- Limited knowledge of risks and environmental impacts of algae cultivation
- Fragmented governance framework

## Objectives

### Unlocking EU algae potential:

- Increasing sustainable production, safe consumption and innovative use of algae products
- Upscaling regenerative algae cultivation
- Developing and mainstreaming the markets for food and non-food algae applications

## Action areas

1. The improvement of governance framework and legislation
2. Supporting the improvement of business environment
3. Closing knowledge, data, technological and innovation gaps
4. Increasing social awareness and acceptance

# Synergies with other EU initiatives

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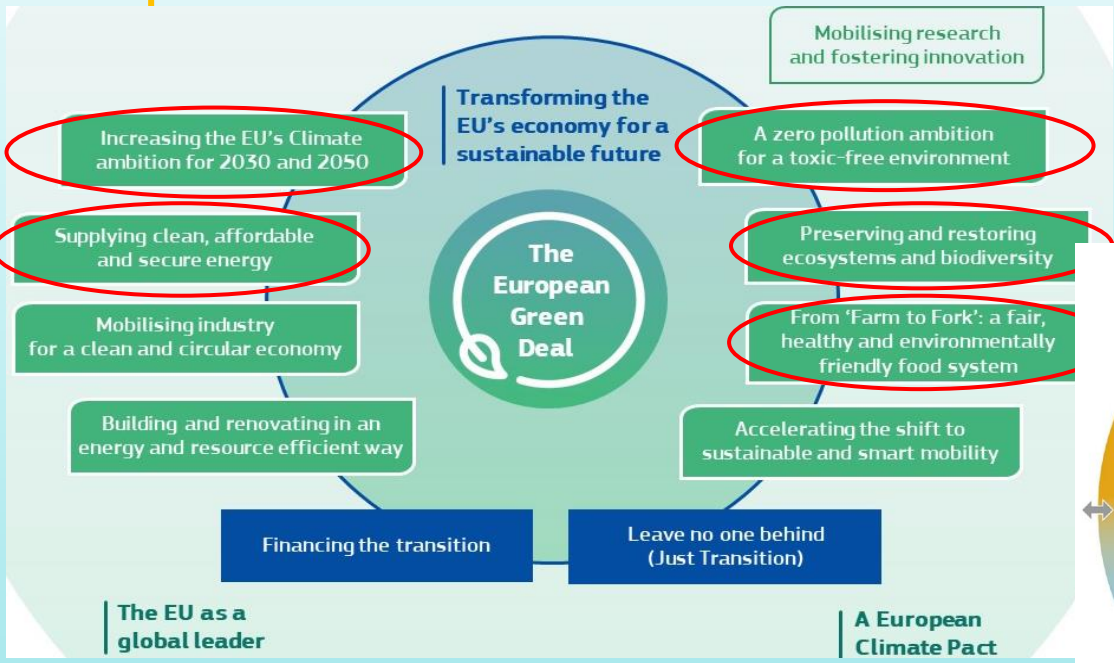
## EU-wide protein strategy on the cards

By Natasha Foote | EURACTIV 📅 Apr 5, 2022 (updated: 📅 Apr 6, 2022)

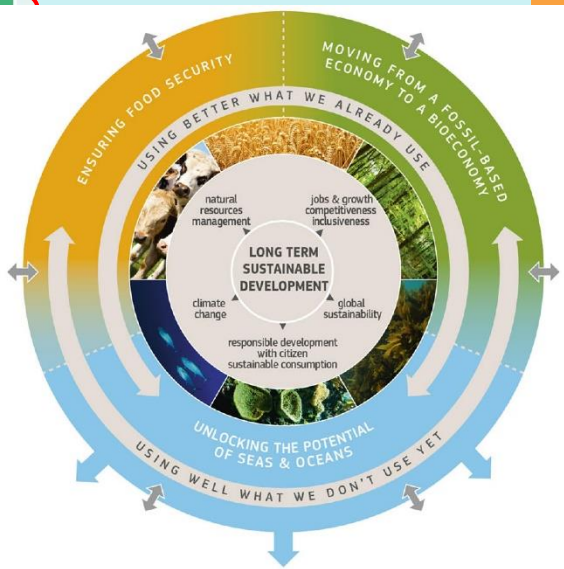


**Zero pollution:**  
New rules on treating urban wastewater

26 October 2022 #EUGreenDeal



**Water Framework Directive**  
The way towards healthy waters



**Green Claims Directive Proposal:**  
common criteria against greenwashing and misleading environmental claims

# SUSTAINABLE CARBON CYCLES

To achieve **climate neutrality** at the latest by 2050 and **negative emissions** thereafter, the EU needs to increase carbon removals and establish **sustainable carbon cycles**.

**THE NITRATES DIRECTIVE - SOLUTIONS**  
The Nitrates Directive promotes good agricultural practices in nutrient management



How EU Member States develop marine strategies











**Ensuring the availability and affordability of fertilisers**

November 2022





# The EU Algae Initiative – a cross-DG initiative

- Algae testing and extraction as well as algae biofuel standards (ENER) 
- Algae-based materials in fertilising products (GROW) 
- Use of nutrients and CO2 for microalgae cultivation and certification (AGRI) 
- Iodine and contaminants in algae (SANTE, EFS)  
- Algae biofuel-specific technological and systemic challenges, processing and cultivation systems development (RTD) 
- Harmonize algae-related data (JRC, ESTAT)  



# Action 9: Funding pilot project's to support reorientation of fishers' careers to regenerative ocean farming

## EMFAF 2022 Flagship for Baltic Sea

**OBJECTIVE:** Reorienting fishers to ocean regeneration activities

### SCOPE

- Knowledge creation and sharing, and identification of skills and training for regenerative ocean farming;
- Access to space and water, (marine protected areas);
- Permitting and authorisation processes (installation of regenerative ocean farms);
- Demonstration activities for setting and operating regenerative ocean farming.

**Baltic Sea (Topic 6): EUR 600 000**  
Co-funding: **80%**  
Partners: **Min 3 - from 2 EU MSs**

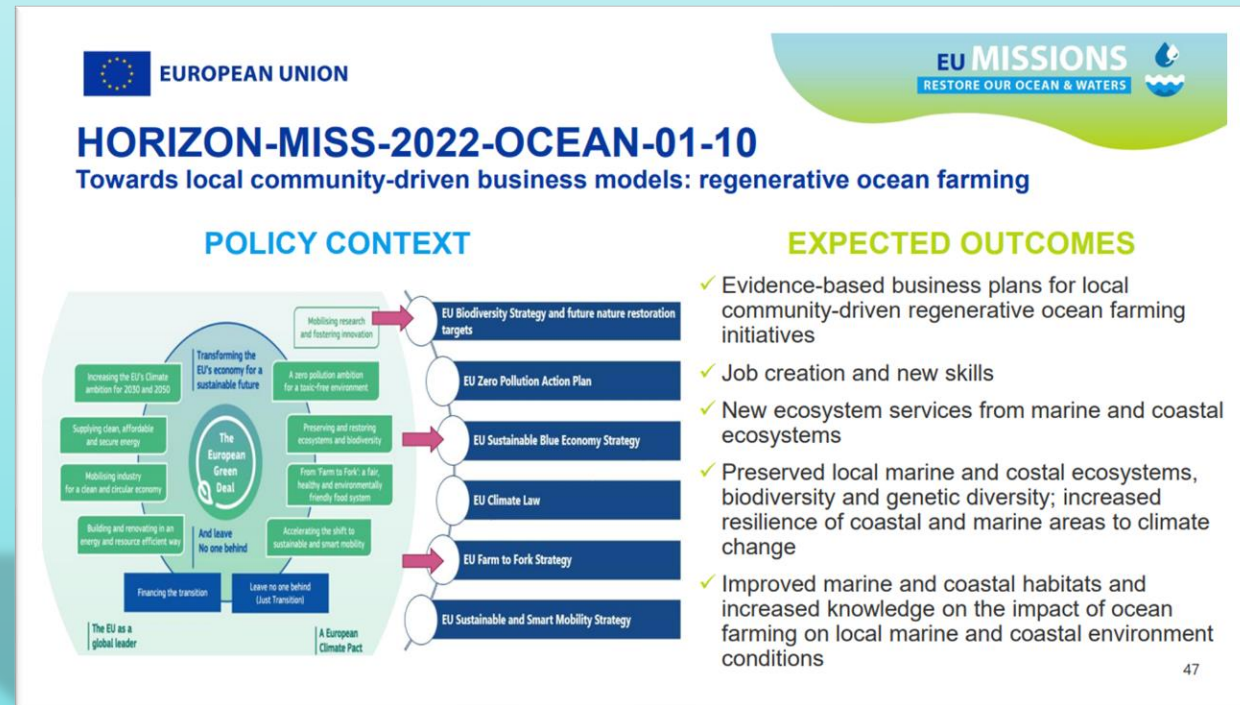


## EMFAF Flagship for Baltic Sea:

- €600.000
- Application phase closed on 31/01/2023
- One excellent proposal received

## Horizon Europe call on regenerative ocean farming:

- €3.000.000
- Application phase closed on 27/09/2022
- 3 proposals received





# Next Steps

- Commission is coordinating the implementation of the 23 actions with MS, the industry (notably via the EU4Algae forum) and other relevant stakeholders (external as well as internal).
- Awareness & communication: **1<sup>st</sup> EU Algae Awareness Summit**, - Maison de l’Ocean -5-7 October 2023, Paris - To **inspire MS** for change by sharing good practices and success stories



An underwater photograph showing a dense field of green and yellowish-brown seaweed. The water is clear and blue. The text 'EU4Algae' is overlaid in white on the seaweed.

# EU4Algae

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A collaborative European stakeholders' forum

*The ultimate objective of the #EU4Algae is to accelerate the scale up of a regenerative, resilient, fair and climate friendly algae industry in Europe.*

# About EU4Algae

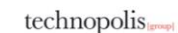
EU4Algae Forum is the **platform**

gathering **algae interested parties**, from all relevant public and private organizations,

to jointly implement the EU Algae Initiative,

while offering a **forum to openly speak and discuss** market driven breakthroughs for the sector.

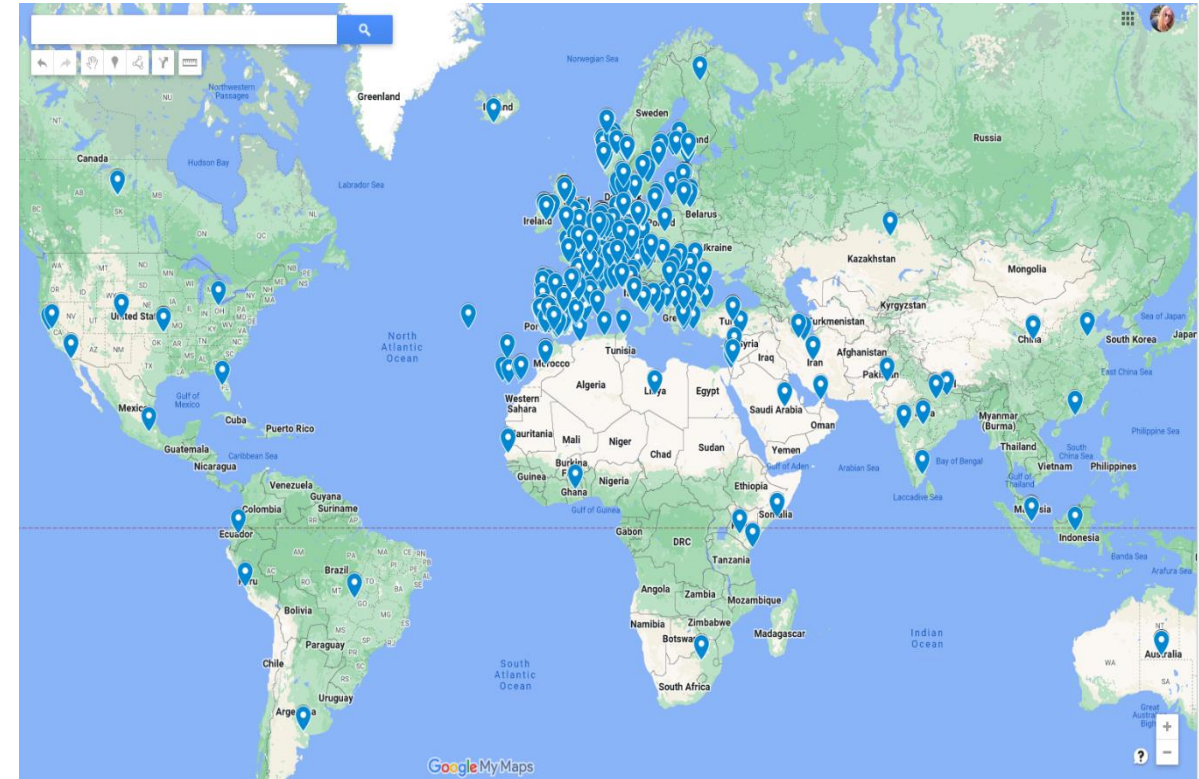
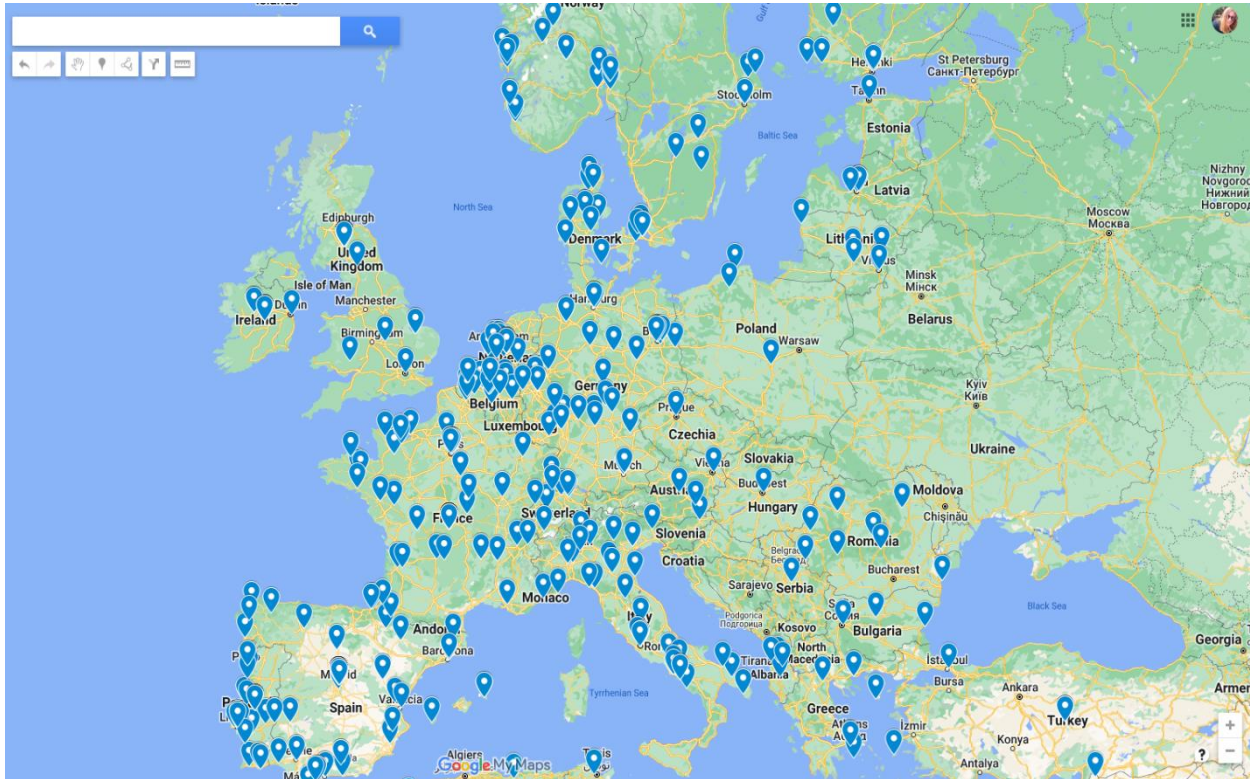
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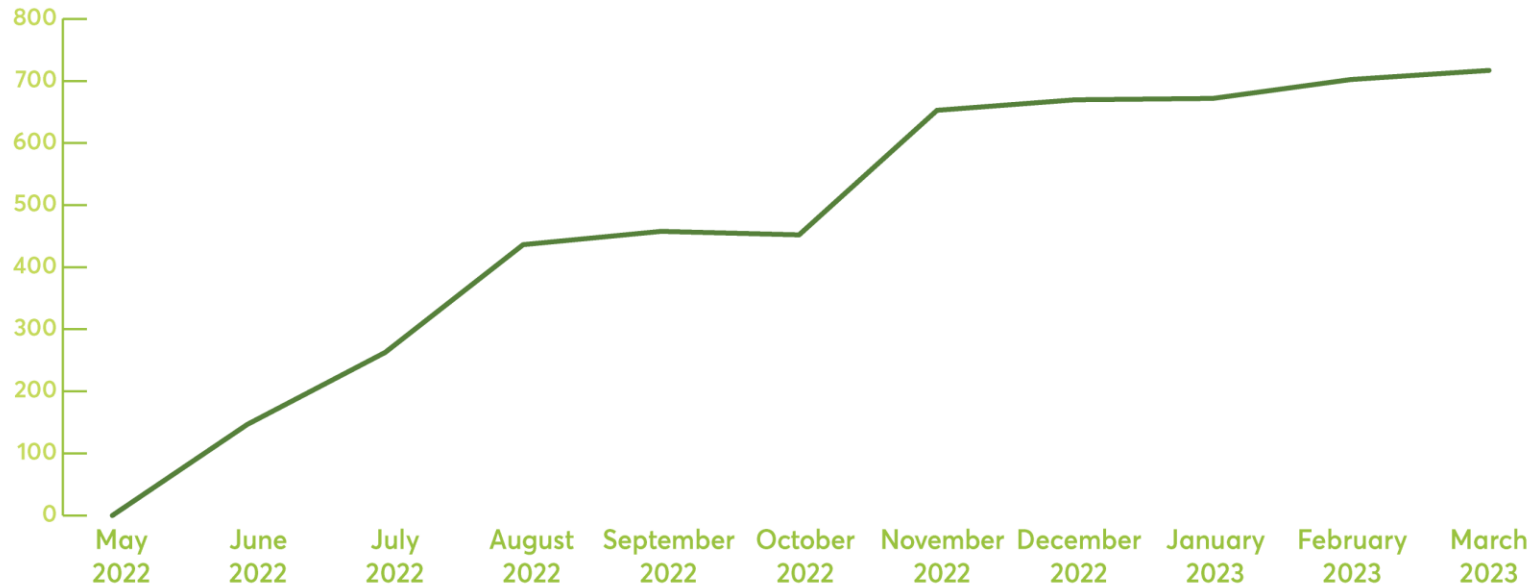


# EU4Algae registered members

+700 members registered and participating in WGs discussions



## Evolution of new registered members



**Note:** 104 members were directly added to the community without registering

## Sectors



## Countries

### Europe:

1. Spain
2. Germany and France
3. Italy
4. UK
5. Netherlands
6. Portugal
7. Belgium
8. Denmark and Norway

### Outside Europe:

1. Turkey
2. US

# EU4Algae online Forum

The screenshot shows the homepage of the EU4Algae website. At the top left is the European Commission logo. The main navigation bar includes 'Themes', 'Communities', 'Search', 'F.A.Q.', and 'EU Login'. The breadcrumb trail reads: 'European Commission > Maritime Forum > Blue economy > Blue Bioeconomy > EU4Algae'. The main content area features a large banner with the text 'EU4Algae' over an image of seaweed. Below the banner are six categories: 'Macroalgae Production', 'Microalgae production', 'Algae for Food', 'Algae for Feed', 'Ecosystem Services & Bioremediation', and 'Materials, Chemicals, Bioactives & Algae Biorefining'. A 'Youth & Entrepreneurship' category is also present. On the right side, there is a 'Contact us' form with fields for 'Your full name', 'Your email address', and 'Your message', and a 'Submit' button. Below the contact form is an 'Upcoming events' section listing: 'Running challenge for schools: "Be a scientist!..." (0 sec hence)', 'Join the European Atlas of the Seas at CommoCEAN 2022 (1 day 14 hours hence)', 'EU4Algae in Rome, 12 December (1 week 6 days hence)', and 'Workshop on Algae and Blue'. At the bottom, there is an 'About EU4Algae' section with the text: 'The platform is a unique space for collaboration among European'.

[| Maritime Forum \(europa.eu\)](https://europa.eu)

The screenshot shows a pre-registration form for the EU4Algae (European Stakeholder Platform). The form is titled 'EU4Algae (European Stakeholder Platform)' and is a 'Pre-registration Form'. It includes a notice: 'Your data will be processed and stored following the GDPR Regulation (EU) 2016/679.' The form has two required fields: '1. Name' and '2. Surname', each with a text input box and a label '\* Required'. There is also a 'Submit' button at the bottom of the form.



# Get to know the seven EU4Algae Working Groups



# EU4Algae Working Groups

Current Working Groups are:

- Working Group 1. **Macroalgae Production** (Facilitator: Systemiq)
- Working Group 2. **Microalgae Production** (Facilitator: EABA)
- Working Group 3. **Algae for Food** (Facilitator: EABA)
- Working Group 4. **Algae for Feed** (Facilitator: s.Pro)
- Working Group 5. **Ecosystem Services / Bioremediation** (Facilitator: s.Pro)
- Working Group 6. **Materials/Chemicals/Bioactives and Algae Biorefining** (Facilitator: EABA)
- Working Group 7. **Youth and Entrepreneurship** (Facilitator: s.Pro)

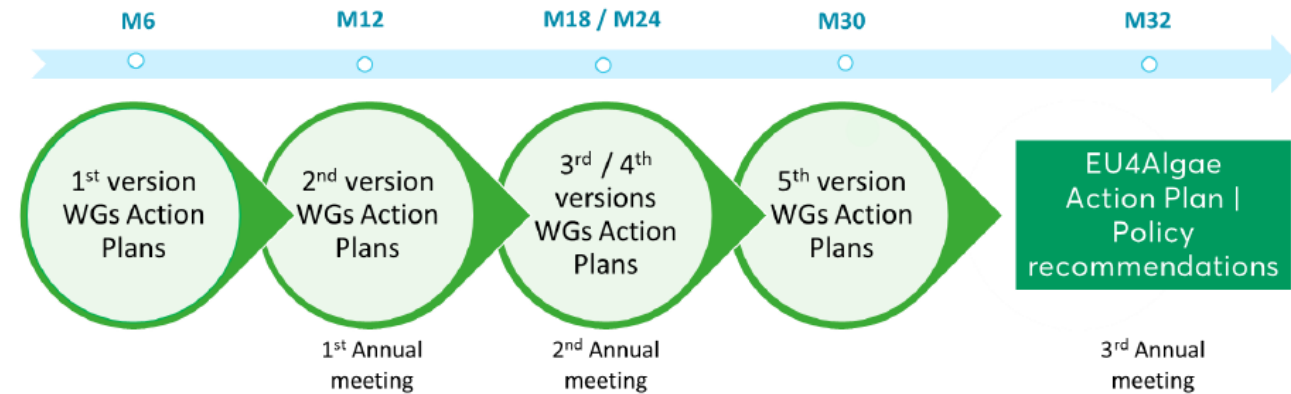


Figure 12: EU4Algae Working Groups workflow and outcomes

EU4Algae event in Rome on 12 December

# Working groups – Action Plans' structure

European algae stakeholders' forum (EU4Algae) and bringing more algae species to the EU market  
01.7: 1st version of WGs action plans

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**EU4ALGAE WORKING GROUPS ACTION PLAN – 1<sup>st</sup> VERSION**

Working Group 1. Macroalgae Production

WG Name	Macroalgae Production	WG Number	1
Facilitator	Adrien VINCENT	Organisation	SYSTEMIQ

Identified Constraints, Obstacles, and Issues

A robust demand for high-quality, traceable, sustainably grown seaweed is expected to increase significantly in the coming years. However, if this demand is met through imports, Europe will miss out on many of the benefits associated with seaweed farming (e.g. innovation, ecosystem services, coastal jobs). Satisfying this growing demand translates into the need to produce millions of tonnes of fresh seaweed each year, which is far above current production levels. While Europe can build on expertise and know-how from decades of science, wild harvesting and processing activities, production growth of this magnitude will depend on cost-efficient farming scale-up, which must meet sustainability criteria.

Today, cultivated European seaweed is insufficient in volume, too expensive and produced by a fragmented supply chain. So far only a few companies have managed to secure a license for large-scale operations and leverage sufficient funding to expand. Besides, high quality, traceability and local sourcing are value-adds that can justify a price premium for European seaweed versus imported Asian products. However, European seaweed will not be viewed as an economically viable source of large-scale future supply if the price structure does not change – the current price premium often makes it ten times as costly as imports. To enable this change and help propel European producers up the ladder of preferred sources of supply, production costs in Europe have to be cut drastically. Economies of scale will naturally occur as farms grow bigger in size and assets like boats or seeding and harvesting machinery can be amortised.

**General Objective**  
*Support the sustainable and cost-efficient scale-up of European seaweed cultivation*

**Specific Objectives**

- Create useful centrally accessible knowledge and facilitate knowledge and experience sharing between seaweed farmers
- Create a bridge between the seaweed farmers community and other stakeholders groups (e.g., policy makers, journalists, investors, etc.)
- Inspire new entrants to launch and develop a seaweed farm in Europe

**Working Groups Actions**

A.1. Upgrade and maintain up to date the Licensing Toolkit developed by Seaweed for Europe  
A.2. Organise knowledge and experience sharing sessions with farmers from other continents  
A.3. Organise webinars presenting latest scientific developments and new technical solutions for seaweed cultivation  
A.4. Facilitate organisation of on-site trips for journalists and policy-makers/ politicians to visit farms and meet seaweed farmers  
A.5. Explore potential to create a public seed bank at European level  
A.6. List and profile success stories of seaweed farmers  
A.7. Identify potential sources of financing for seaweed farmers (types of capital + potential partners)  
A.8. Host 5x WG meetings (online or in-person) with rotational chair / host

**Outcomes**

O1. Online licensing toolkit available on EU4Algae online forum, enriched with country profiles and maintained up to date  
O2. 3 sessions organised (1 per year) with farmers from e.g., Asia, North America, Africa  
O3. 3 webinars organised (1 per year) presenting latest scientific developments and new technical solutions for seaweed cultivation  
O4. 3 on site farm visits for journalists and policy-makers/ politicians (1 per year) co-organised with local partners in e.g., France, Netherlands, Portugal  
O5. Scoping document for the set up of a public seed bank at European level  
O6. Fact sheets/ profiles of European seaweed farmers success stories  
O7. Mapping of potential sources of financing for seaweed farmers (types of capital + potential partners)  
O8. 5x WG meetings (online or in-person) with rotational chair / host

**Next Steps**

S1: Contact WG participants with summary (meeting agenda, action plan, tasks forum pre-registration, Doodle for 1<sup>st</sup> WG7 meeting Q3/4 2022)  
S2: Identify WG chair for the next 6 months  
S3: Scope activities, expectations from WG participants and timeline for the outcomes

- Constraints and challenges
- Objectives
- Actions
- Outcomes
- Next steps

*"EU4Algae already played an important role during the preparation of the EU Algae Initiative, and I am very thankful for that!*

*Moreover, I trust that EU4Algae will play an active role in making the EU Algae Initiative a success story. Such a collaboration is crucial as ultimate goal of the initiative is to support algae sector that at the end of the day will create the added market value.*

*So, the Commission will continue to work hand in hand with the EU4Algae and other relevant stakeholders to let the EU Algae sector to thrive."*

Delilah AL KHUDHAIRY  
Director of MARE Directorate A: Maritime Policy and Blue Economy  
EU4Algae meeting 12 December 2022





# SeaMark - Seaweed-based Market Applications: *"Unlocking the potential of macroalgae for a thriving European blue bioeconomy"*

**OLAVUR GREGERSEN**  
SEAMARK PROJECT CO-ORDINATOR &  
CEO IN OCEAN RAINFOREST





*The pain – and the gain!*

**PROBLEMS TO SOLVE:**

**Global shortages of sustainable and healthy feed and food.**

**To mitigate climate change..**

**OUR SOLUTION:**

**Cultivate seaweed as they are among the fastest growing crops on the planet. To grow, they only need sunlight, CO<sub>2</sub> and natural nutrients.**

**THE MARKET**

**Increasing demand in Europe and North America to use seaweed in human food, animal feed, as bio stimulants for agriculture, and replacing fossil-based packaging material (bio-plastic).**



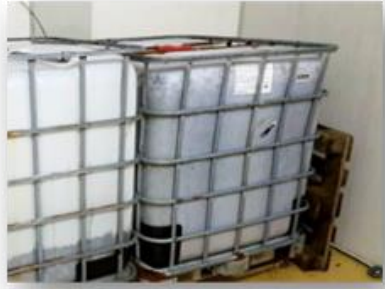
Geographic focus and the product focus



Fresh biomass



Healthy and tasty food



Functional feed (health and reducing feed)



Food ingredients, bioplastic



- **In Europe:** Scale up operation in the Faroe Islands as fast as possible and, at the same time, start production in other locations in collaboration with local partners.
- **In Alaska:** Source seaweed from existing farmers and establish primary production in collaboration with local partners.
- **In California:** Continue to commercialize cultivation of Giant Kelp.











# Overall objective

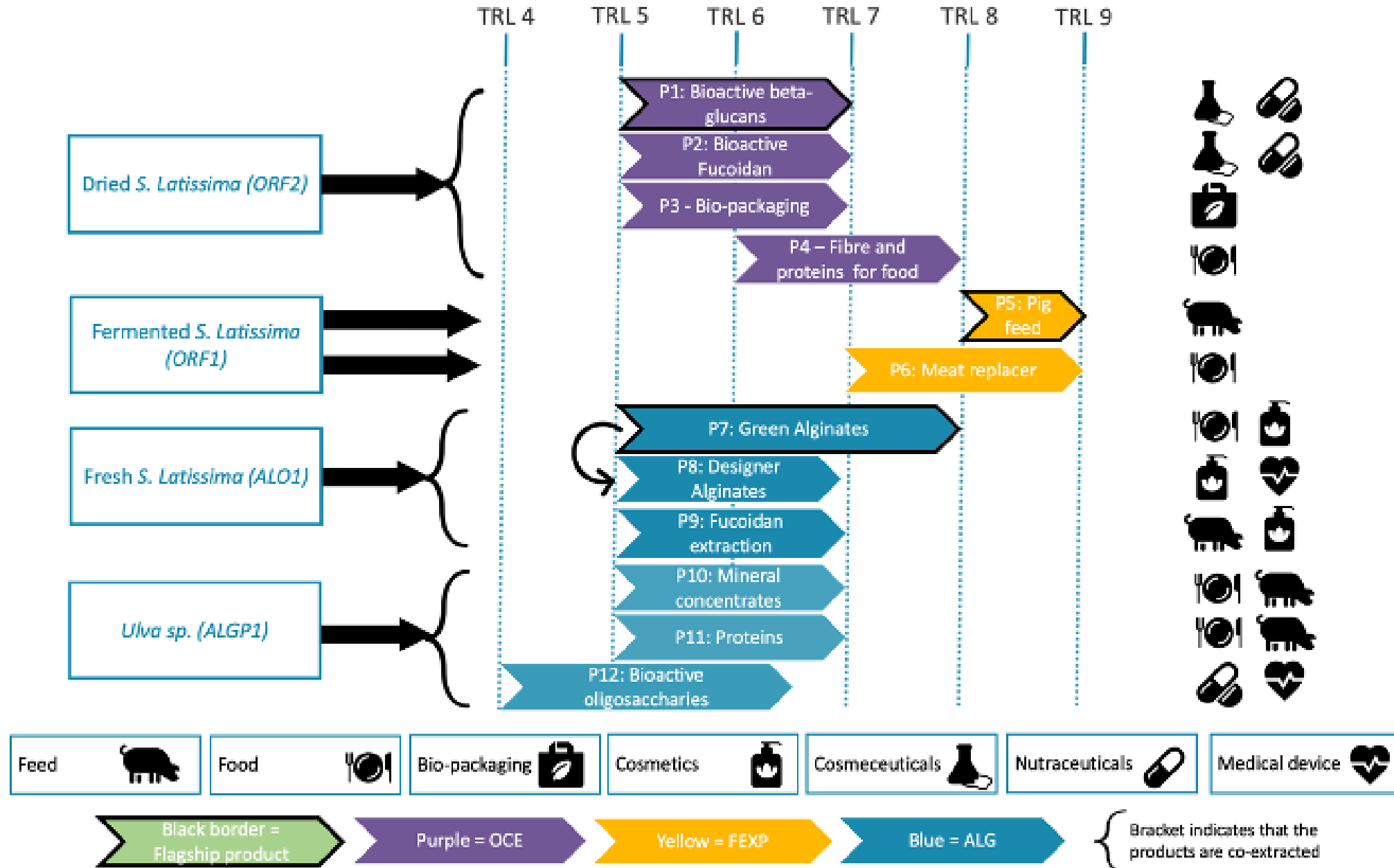
**SeaMark** will demonstrate how to scale up innovative seaweed cultivation and processing into price-competitive product applications making the entire supply chain attractive for commercial investments



# Biomass source

# Start and end technological readiness level

# Applications







# Key Exploitable Results of SeaMark

No.	
KER1	A suite of 12 products for high and low value market segments
KER2	Protocols for genetic breeding increasing yield with more than 50% compared to today
KER3	Prototypes for large scale and automated seeding, harvesting and landing technologies
KER4	Validated business models for four different supply chains
KER5	Good Practice recommendations on Life Cycle Assessments
KER6	Strategic development plan for the scale-up of the European seaweed industry
KER7	Policy and investor recommendation for scaling up to 30 million T biomass in 2050





[www.seamark.eu](http://www.seamark.eu)



PRODUCT(S) OF INTEREST

- P1: Bioactive beta-glucans (flagship)
- P2: Bioactive fucoidan
- P3: Bio-packaging materials
- P4: Fibre & protein food ingredients
- P5: Pig feed supplement (flagship)
- P6: Meat replacer
- P7: Green alginate (flagship)
- P8: Designer Alginates
- P9: Fuciodan extraction with enzymes
- P10: Mineral concentrates
- P11: Proteins
- P12: Bioactive oligosaccharides

APPLICATION(S) OF INTEREST

- Pharmaceuticals & Medical Devices
- Cosmetics
- Human food
- Feed additives
- Bio-packaging
- Processing Machinery
- Ecosystem Services
- Other (please specify below)

The European seaweed industry is the fastest growing form of aquaculture, but supply chains have yet to reach industrial capacities. A wide range of claims are made about seaweed's health and environmental benefits. In Europe especially, these claims require substantiation before products can reach the market and gain real traction.

To achieve this, buyers and sellers of seaweed biomass need to identify and understand logistical, regulatory and commercial requirements to ensure safe, sustainable and price-competitive products for consumers.

Register your interest in the SeaMark Market Platform to co-develop

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# The main impact in 2030

- Technical innovations to upscale production, while reducing production costs.
- Uniform standards for existing products and production methods.
- An increased European seaweed supply has the potential to diversify value chains with multiple high value-added products.
- Additional economic benefits include potential monetisation of ecosystem services.
- Boost European resource self-sufficiency, resilience, and competitiveness.
- Creation of knowledge-based jobs in coastal and rural areas.



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**REALM**

**REUSING EFFLUENTS FROM  
AGRICULTURE TO UNLOCK THE  
POTENTIAL OF MICROALGAE**

João Navalho

President of the Board of **necton**





## João Navalho

Marine Biologist, MSc Aquaculture

- Co-founder and President of the Board at Necton S.A.
- President of the Board at Allmicroalgae S.A.
- President at Proalga – Portuguese Association for Algae Producers
- Vice President at GreenColab – Portuguese Collaborative Laboratory for Algal Biotechnology
- Member of the Industry Committee at EABA

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microalgae for dynamic people



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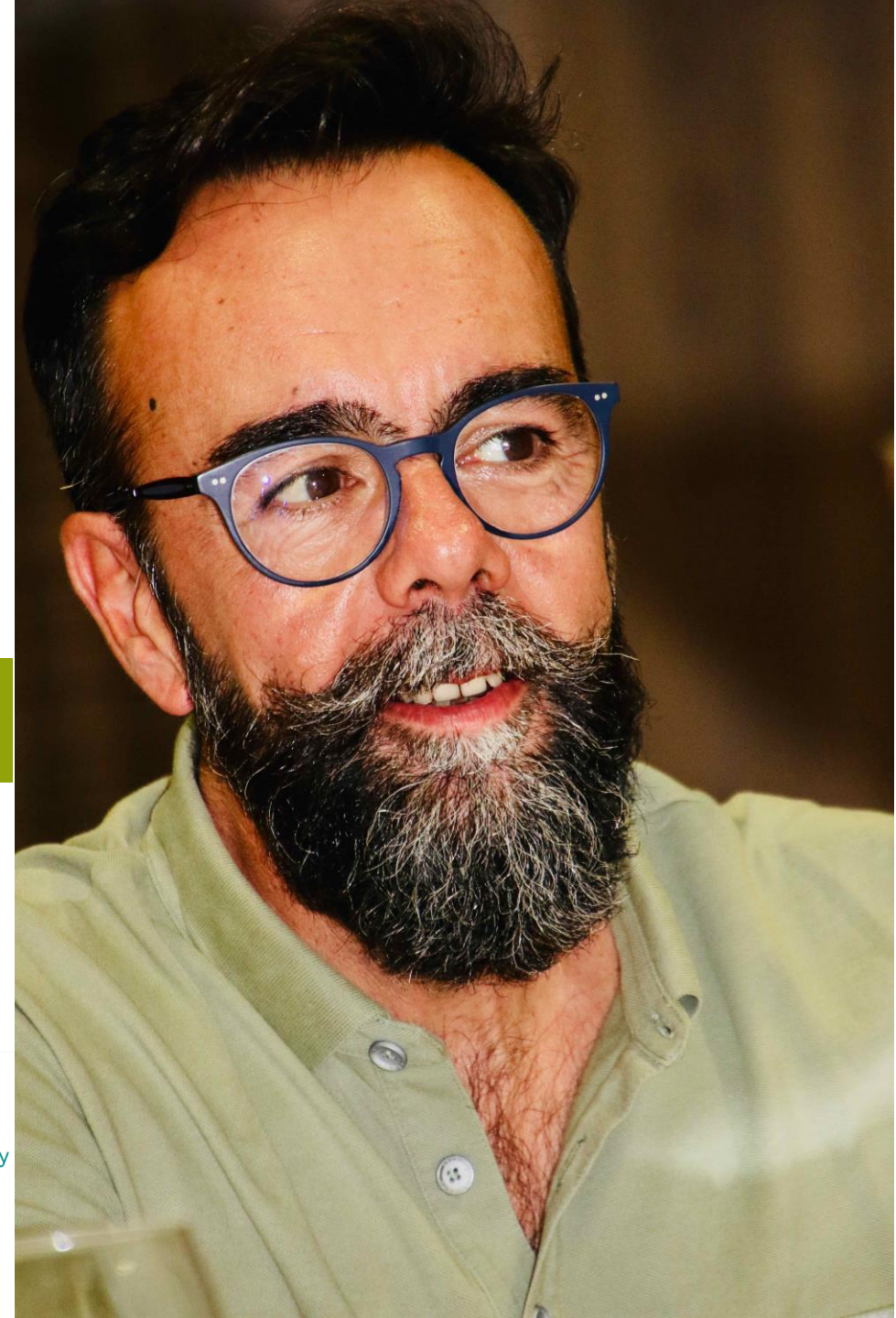


**GreenCoLab**

Joining the pieces in algal biotechnology



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# The call

HORIZON-CL6-2021-CIRCBIO-01-09

- ✓ European Green Deal
- ✓ EU bioeconomy strategy
- ✓ Blue growth strategy



«...support the development of algae-based greener aquatic industrial products/processes and/or environmental services sustaining the health of aquatic ecosystems for a healthy planet and people.»







# The idea

- Excess nutrients from the drain water of Soilless Cultures, need to be removed before discharge;
- Future policies will be based on more sustainable horticulture cultivation methods:
- Closed systems require water treatment to prevent lower crop development or diseases.



- Microalgae are an exponentially growing feedstock for many applications;
  - EU demand for algae and algae-based products is expected to increase
  - Can help to treat several types of wastewater.
  - Applications are limited by high production prices;
    - Water related activities need to adjust to more sustainable and circular economy approaches.





# Water



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### Europe's drought the worst in 500 years - report

23 August

Europe heatwaves

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A boat trapped in the dried-out shore where the French-Swiss Lac des Brenets lake should be  
Two-thirds of Europe is under some sort of drought warning, in what is likely the worst such event in 500 years.

## Portugal

Imagem de drone da Barragem de Vilar-Tabuaço, rio Tavora e a aldeia da Faia MIGUEL MANSO

## Czech Republic

Hunger stones, wrecks and bones: Europe's drought brings past to surface

The low level of the Elbe River in the Czech Republic. Photograph: Anadolu Agency/Getty Images

### Doñana se seca por completo

Desaparece la última laguna dulce permanente que resistía a la sequía y a los pozos ilegales en el emblemático parque nacional



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Reality Check

### China, Europe, US drought: Is 2022 the driest year recorded?

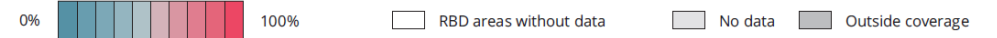
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Reality Check



GETTY IMAGES

Percentage of area of groundwater bodies not in good chemical status per river basin district (RBD) in second RBMPs



Açores (PT)



Madeira (PT)



Canarias (ES)



Guadeloupe and Martinique (FR)



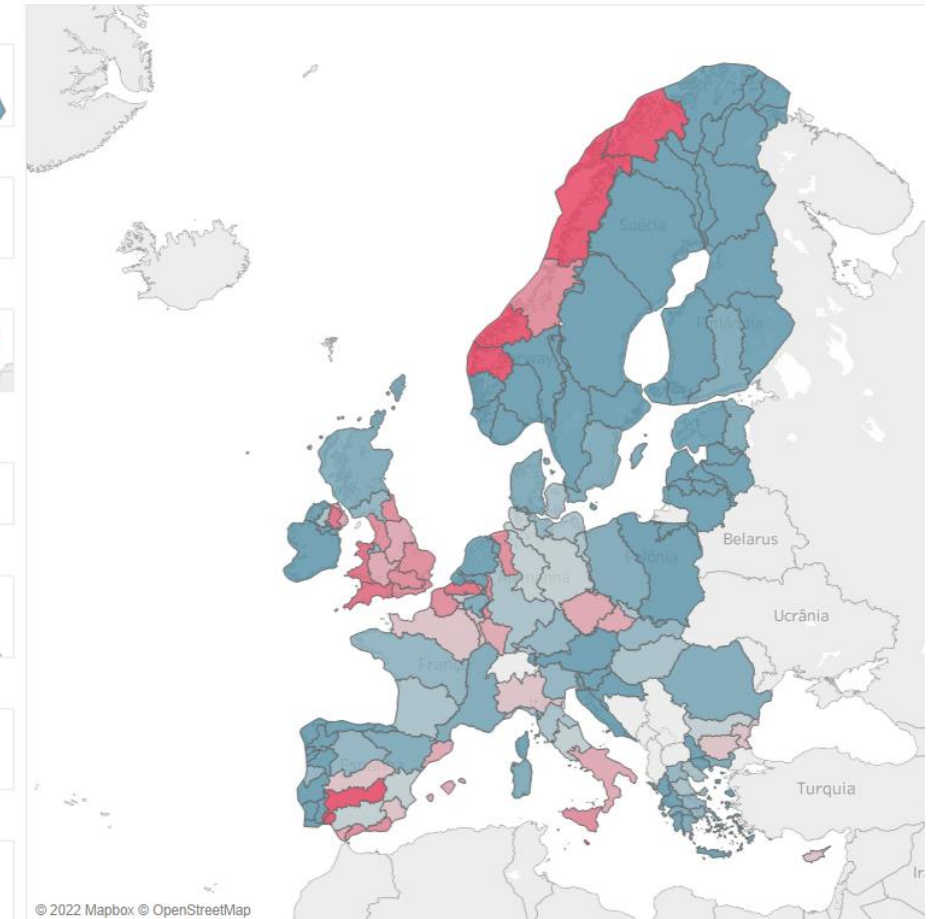
Guyane (FR)



Mayotte (FR)



Réunion (FR)



Source: Results are based on the WISE-SoW database. Groundwater bodies failing to achieve good status, by RBD.



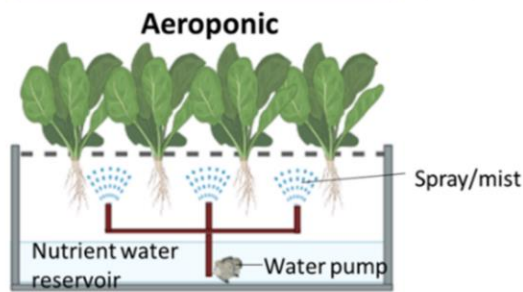
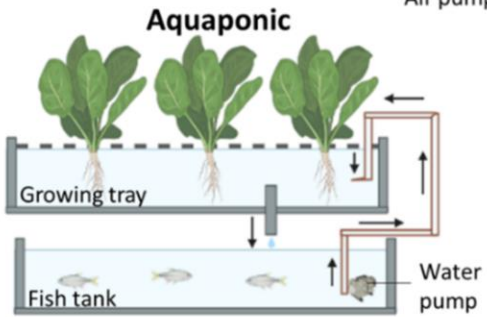
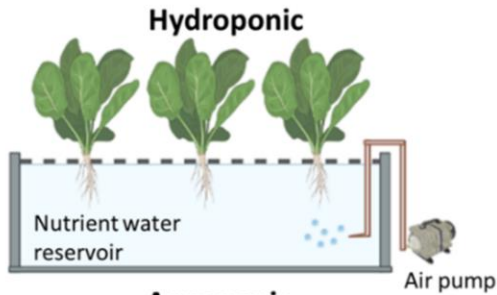
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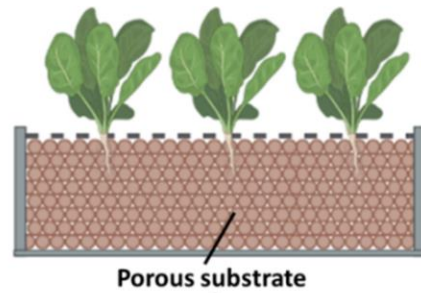
# Soilless farming

**Aerated nutrient solution**  
(use nutrient water reservoir as a medium)



## Soilless farming

**Soilless substrate culture**  
(use porous substrate as a medium)



**Organic**  
(Bark, rice husk, sawdust, wood chips, coconut coir, fleece, marc, peat, etc.)

**Inorganic**  
(Perlite, glass wool, clay, gravel, sand, rockwool, zeolite, vermiculite, hydrogel etc.)

- ✓ Optimal use of space and nutrient/fertilizer
- ✓ Conservation of water
- ✓ Controlled environments (i.e., pH, nutrients, temperature, light, carbon dioxide, oxygen, etc.)
- ✓ Fewer pesticides usage (no soil disease) and no weeds problem
- ✓ High crops yield and quality

## Closed systems:

- ✓ Valorises the drain water
- ✓ Reduces the environmental impact
- ✗ Requires good water quality.
- ✗ It's not always economically viable



Maluin et al., 2021; <https://doi.org/10.3390/agronomy11061213>



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# Trend

With 13,000 ha under hydroponic cultivation, corresponding to 50% of the value of all fruits and vegetables grown in the country, the Netherlands has been the world leader in the use of hydroponic technology.



With >30.000 ha, Almeria in Spain forms the largest concentration of greenhouses in the world.





# Policies

As a major source of pollution, agricultural pressures on water resources need to be addressed to ensure the full implementation of current legislation but also the adoption of more sustainable ways to produce and use chemicals:

- Good water management
- Improvement on the sustainability of the horticultural model
- ✓ **An increase in legal limitations to the rejection of drainage is expected.**
- ✓ **To further limit nutrient releases, more stringent limit values to treat Nitrogen and Phosphorus will be progressively applied**



More than 90%



of the EU Member States river basin management plans indicate



that agriculture is a significant pressure on water



mainly because of over-abstraction and pollution by fertilisers and pesticides



DG Environment





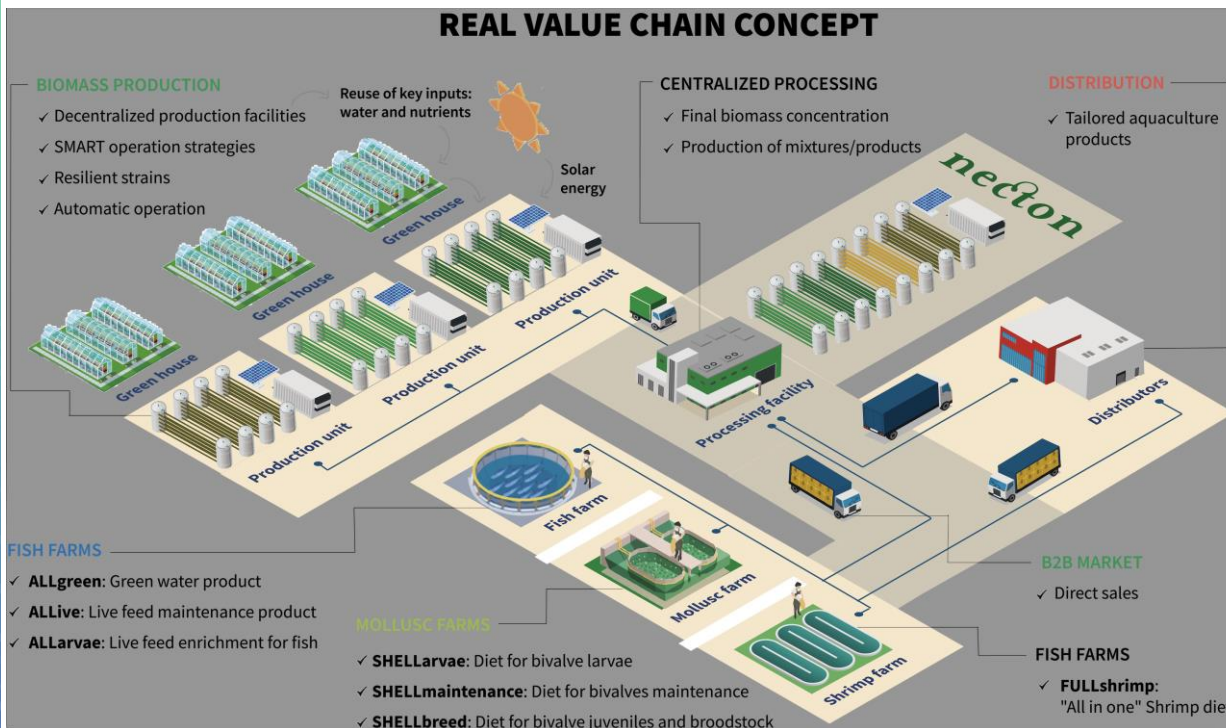


# THE HURDLE TO OVERCOME



## MICROALGAE PRODUCTION COSTS

- Real costs are far above what is stated in the literature. Lack of a common basis for cost calculation and comparison.
- Labor, energy and CO<sub>2</sub> are by far the major costs.
- Most companies are small and micro size, **scale is missing for cost reduction**, though the BIG scale is taken!
- Yield is low, to many un-optimized steps.
- Strains are rustic, not optimized for intensive production.
- Contamination crashes are frequent leading to high non-productive times.
- Multispecific production facilities are much less efficient and that impact hardly in the costs.
- CAPEX is very high; production equipment are expensive, as well DSP equipment and all the necessary instruments and control tools.

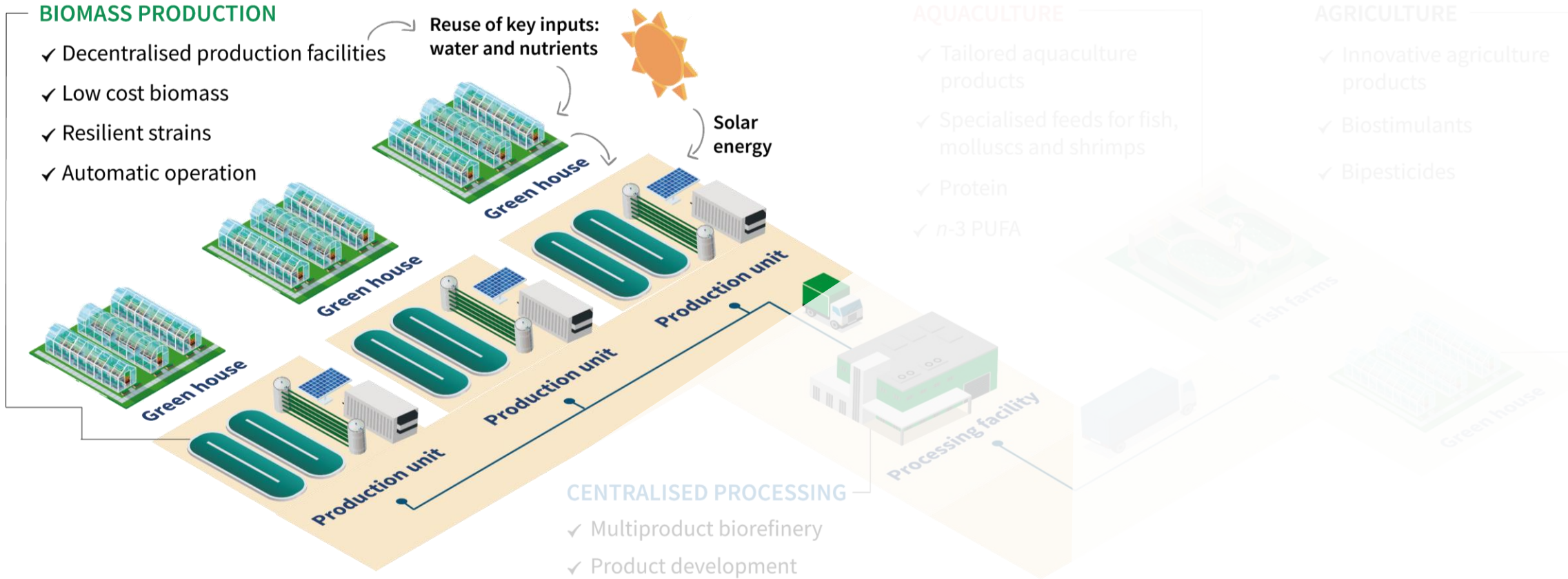


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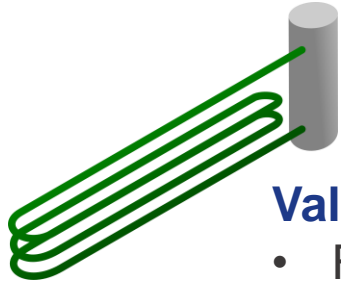


# The concept



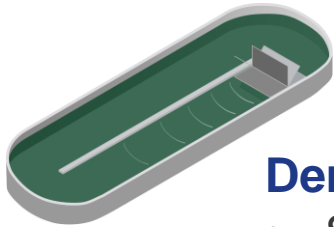


# The concept



## Validation facilities:

- Finland
- Netherlands



## Demonstration facilities:

- Spain
- Portugal





# Consortium

## Universities



## Non-profit



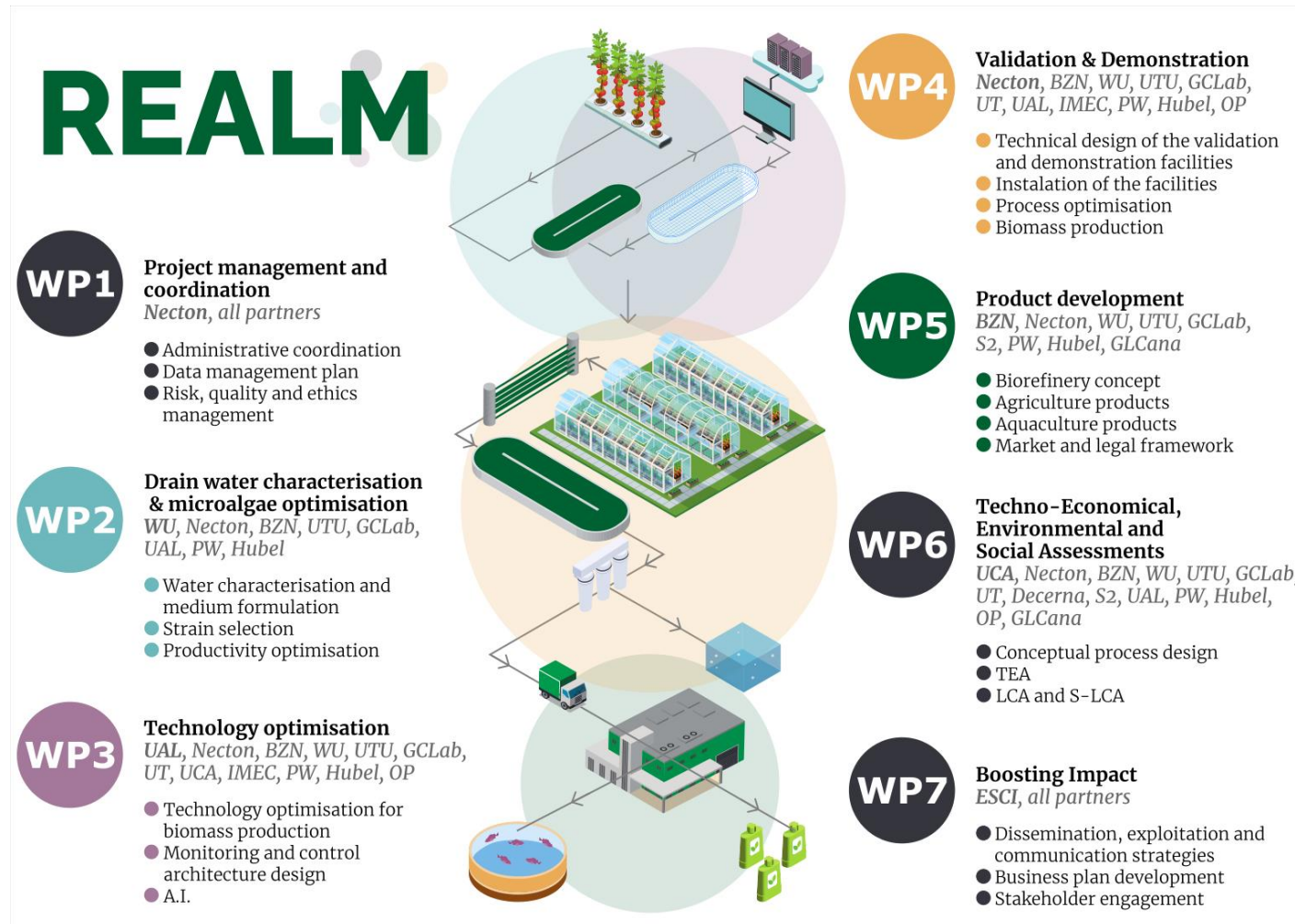
## Companies







# Work plan





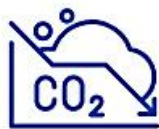
# Expected outcomes



Less than  
**15mg/L of total nitrogen**  
left in the drainwater



More than  
**8 new products**  
for agriculture and aquaculture



Capturing  
**CO<sub>2</sub>**  
directly from the air



Reducing  
**Freshwater**  
consumption



At least  
**50% less energy consumption**  
in microalgae production



Less than  
**10€ production costs**  
for microalgae per kg dry weight



Up to  
**30% more biomass**  
produced

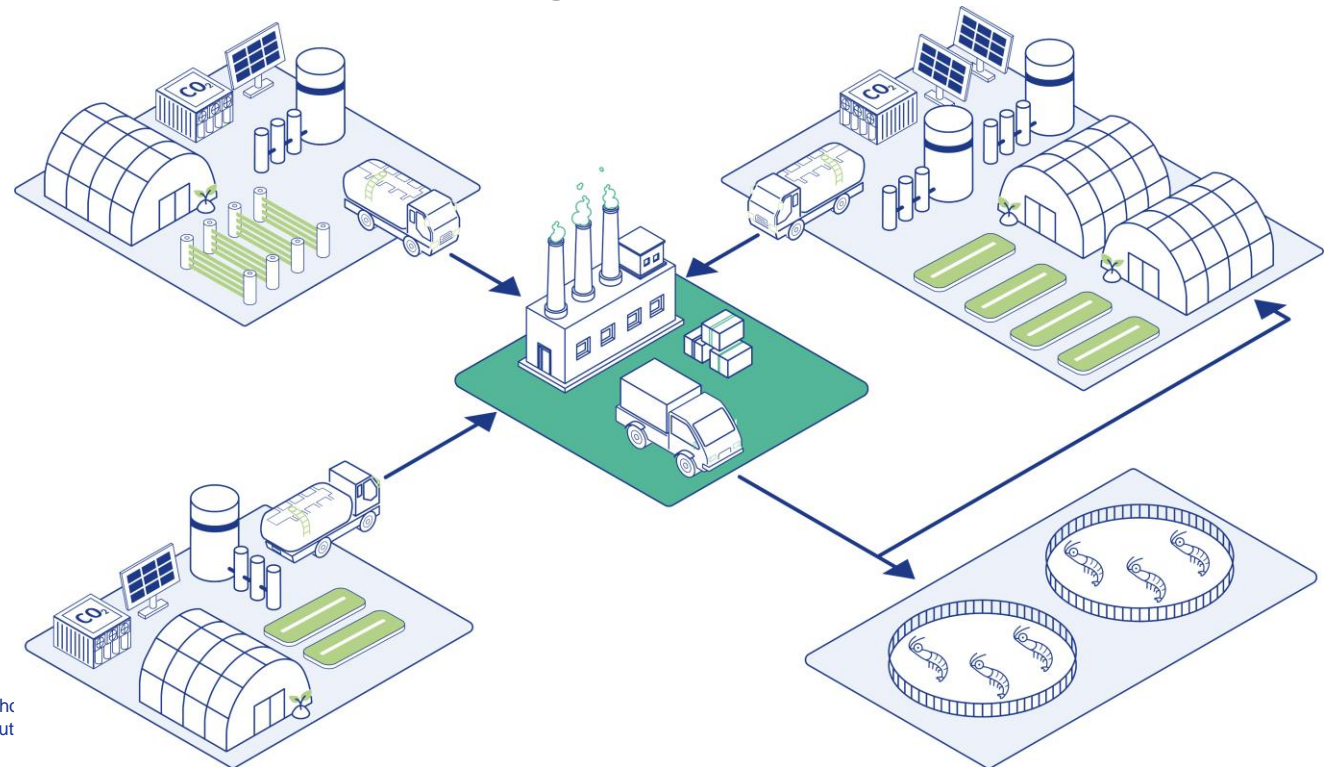
In 2026  
**the REALM business model**  
will be ready for replication





# Expected outcomes

- Reduce technical bottlenecks of algae cultivation
- Upscale and demonstrate the **techno-economic viability of algae-based cultivation**
- Provide scientific evidence on **environmental benefits** and on **risks**.
- **Provide market knowledge** to align the development of new algae products to the uses and needs of various sectors.
- Support the development of innovative, competitive and sustainable agricultural production with better management of natural resources.







# The people

# necton



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**Thank you for your attention**

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# CIRCALGAE

CIRCular valorisation of industrial ALGAE waste streams into high-value products to foster future sustainable blue biorefineries in Europe

Budget: 10.332.894 €

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# CONSORTIU M

- 15 companies { 7 large companies  
8 SMEs
- 3 research centres
- 1 university
- 2 non-profit organizations

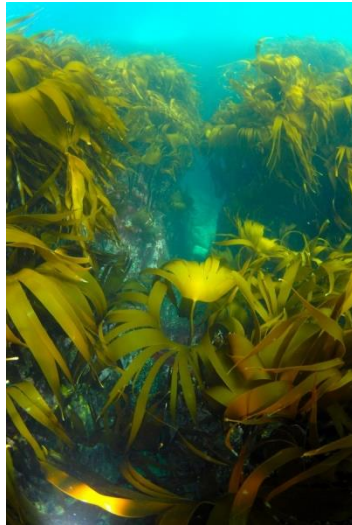
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## TOWARDS THE BLUE BIOECONOMY



Marine biomass...

**Is underexploited, underrated and mostly unknown**

**Its cultivation/harvesting..**

**Does not compete with arable land**

**Does not consume sweet water resources**

**Less dependant on climate factors**



## TOWARDS THE BLUE BIOECONOMY

Algae processing usually...

**Involves traditional (aggressive) processes**

**Sustainability is neglected in the process chain**

**Directed towards very specific market niches**

65-97% of biomass is handled as a residue!



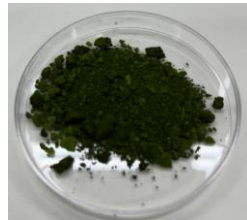
*Laminaria hyperborea*



*Gelidium sesquipedale*



*Saccharina latissima*



**Gels**



**Vegan protein**

**Stabilizers**



**Texturizing**



**Soluble fibre**

**Immunomodulating**

**Anti-inflammatory**

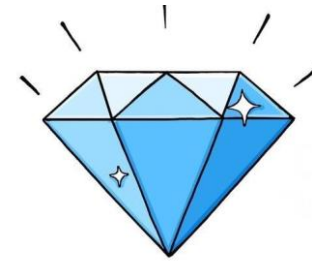
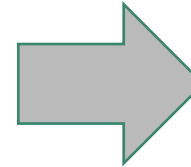




## THE CONCEPT



**Residues: Dicards, solid cakes, effluents**



**Upcycled high added-value ingredients**



### OBJECTIVES

Waste reduction

Sustainable exploitation

Circular Economy

### Ingredients



+natural



+sustainable



+affordable

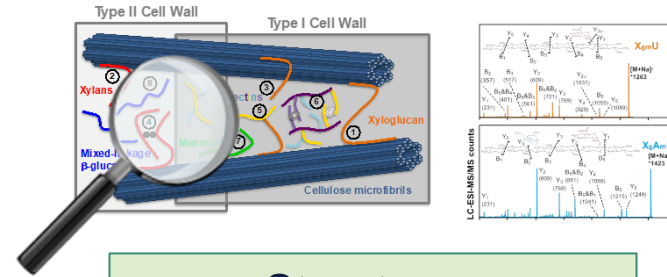




# THE CONCEPT

¿Substrate?  
¿Processing?

**Characterization**



**Structure -  
Functionality**

**Ingredients**



**OBJECTIVES**

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- Circular Economy



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**+sustainable**



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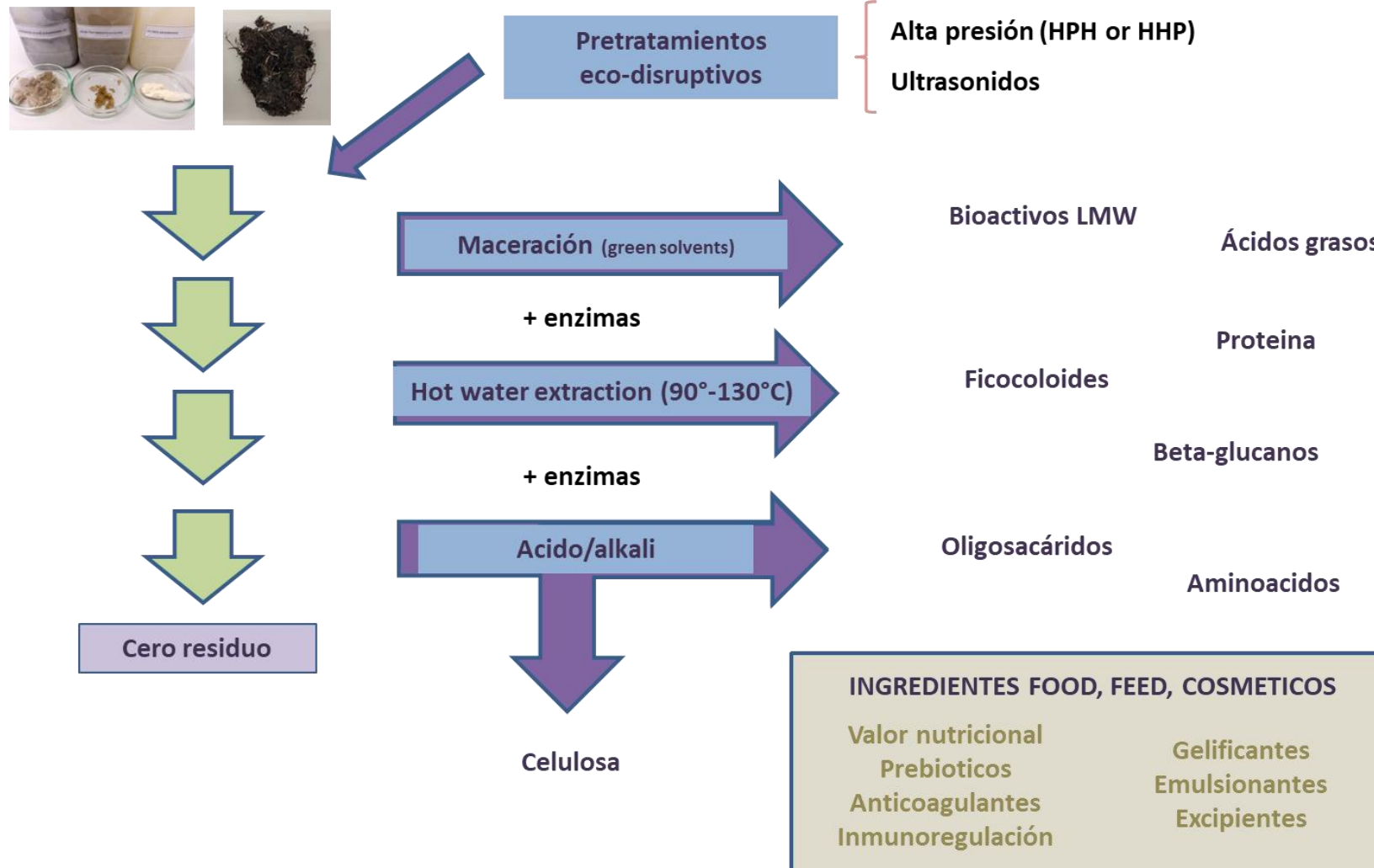


**CLEAN LABEL**





## THE CONCEPT







## EXPECTED OUTCOMES

### Animal Feed



2 formulations with >10% CIRCALGAE ingredients (>200 kg demonstrator)



Digestible, vegan protein/fiber with high nutritional value

Microbiome and innate immune system modulation

### Food Ingredients



5 formulations with >5% CIRCALGAE ingredients (>20 kg)



Vegan Protein

Texturizers

Saturated fat substitutes

*...used for vegan meat, healthy snacks*



## EXPECTED OUTCOMES

### Cosmetic ingredients



**CIRCALGAE based texturizing excipients**

**CIRCALGAE bioactives**

- Antiinflammatory
- immunostimulating
- anti-coagulating

body milk/ shower gel with algae excipients (> 50 kg)

facial solution for oily skin (> 10 L)

Toothpaste (>300 tubes)

powder shampoo (>300 bottles)

hydrating serum for sensitive skin (>300 bottles)



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24-25 May 2023







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## Accelerating algae product development in the Baltic and North Sea

**Frederick Bruce**  
*SUBMARINER Network for Blue  
Growth EEIG*

24-25. May 2023



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# Mission



To demonstrate market accessibility and presence for sustainable and innovative algae products and solutions in the Baltic and North Seas.

# Project basics

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**Call:** HORIZON-MISS-2022-OCEAN-01-06: Lighthouse in the Baltic and the North Sea basins – bringing sustainable algae-based products and solutions to the market

**BUDGET:** €12 million, EU contribution €11 million

**DURATION:** 48 months from April 2023

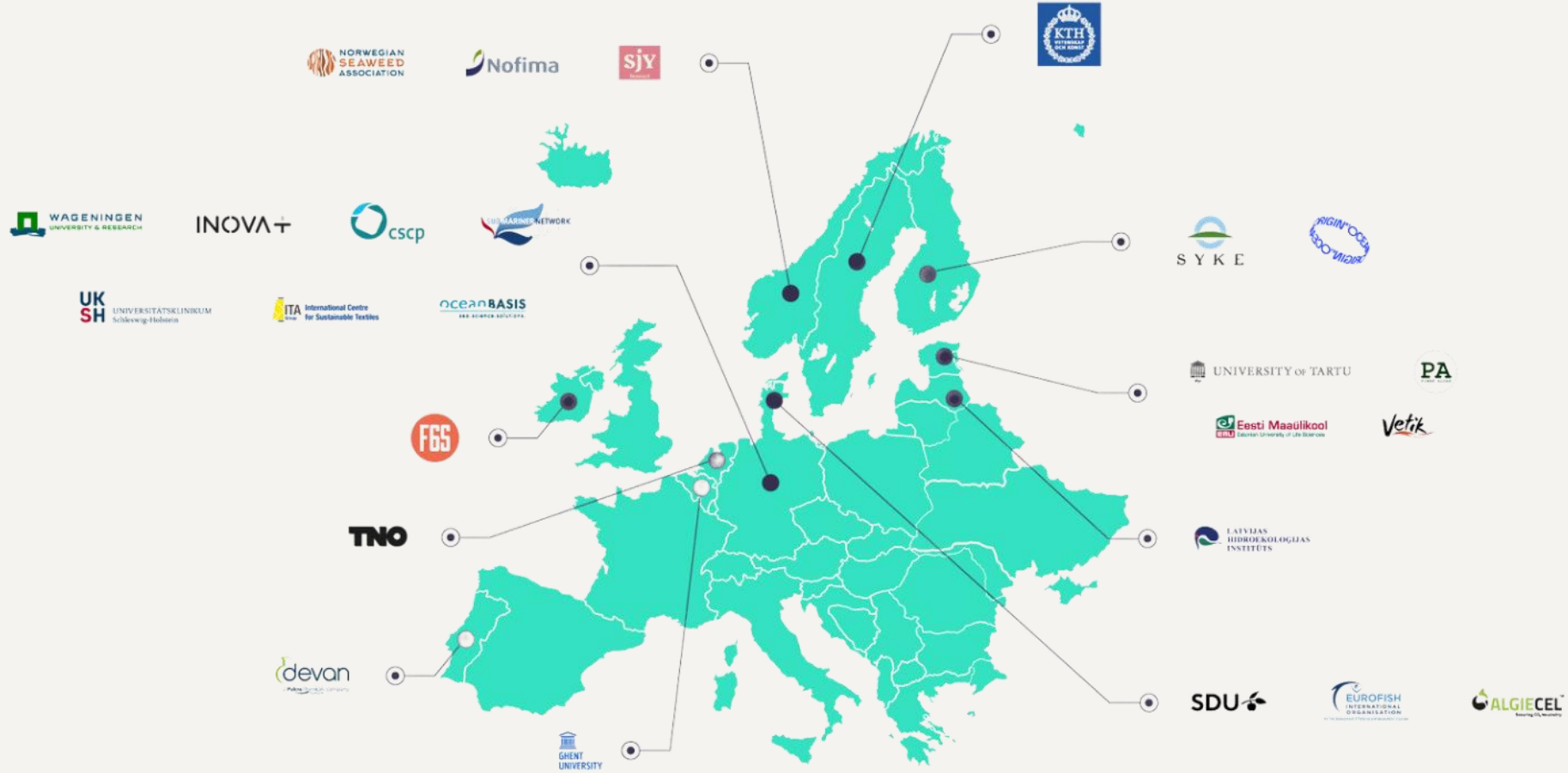
**CONSORTIUM:** 26 partners

coordinated by



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# Consortium





# Coordinator

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**Together we improve the Baltic Sea's blue environment and economy.**

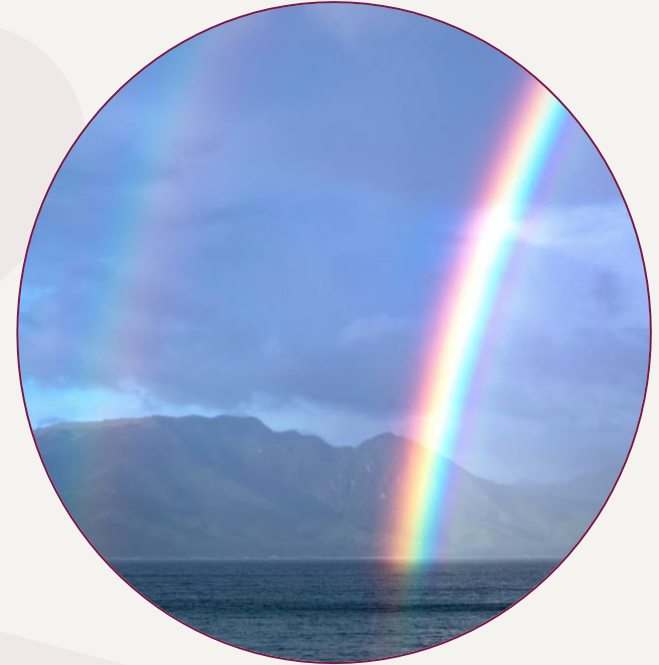
The cooperation platform for actors and initiatives across the Baltic Sea Region and beyond who promote innovative approaches to the sustainable use of marine resources.

[submariner-network.eu](http://submariner-network.eu)

KEY EXPLOITABLE RESULTS

## A framework for sustainability

*AlgaeProBANOS will develop a framework and tools for ensuring sustainability of algae product sectors to support entrepreneurs, governments and decision-makers with sustainable aquaculture management.*



KEY EXPLOITABLE RESULTS

## Digital solutions for algae businesses

*The lighthouse project will create online dashboards for algae farms, products and logistics, and an Algae Business Club online matchmaking tool.*





KEY EXPLOITABLE RESULTS

## Co-creation with end-users

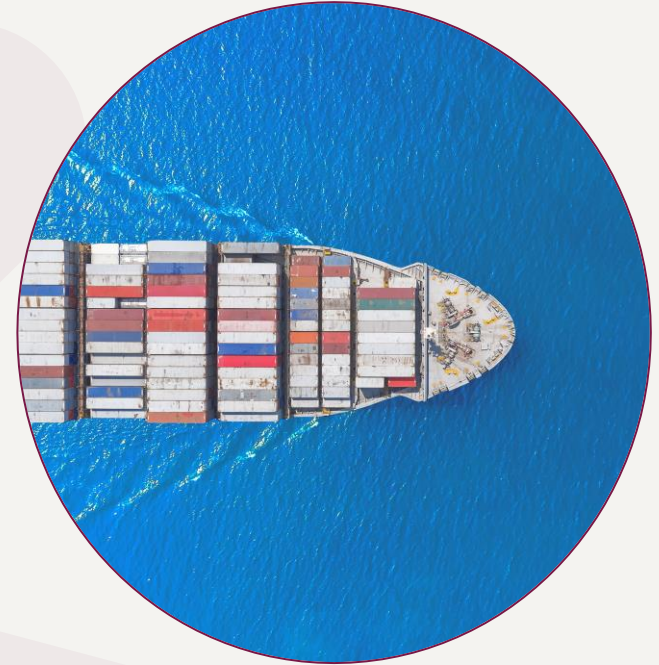
*To gain insights for algae innovators and entrepreneurs, co-creation activities will be designed and implemented to better understand consumer needs.*



KEY EXPLOITABLE RESULTS

## Accelerating the algae sector

*To accelerate development of new products and markets, the lighthouse will develop replicable Go To Market strategies and blueprints useful to algae entrepreneurs, and socio-economic impact assessments for policy makers.*



# AlgaeProBANOS product pipelines

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Aqua feed



Biostimulants



Cosmetics



Food



Nutraceuticals



Textile agents

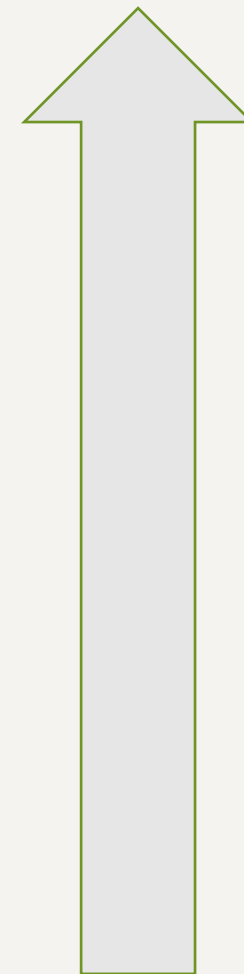
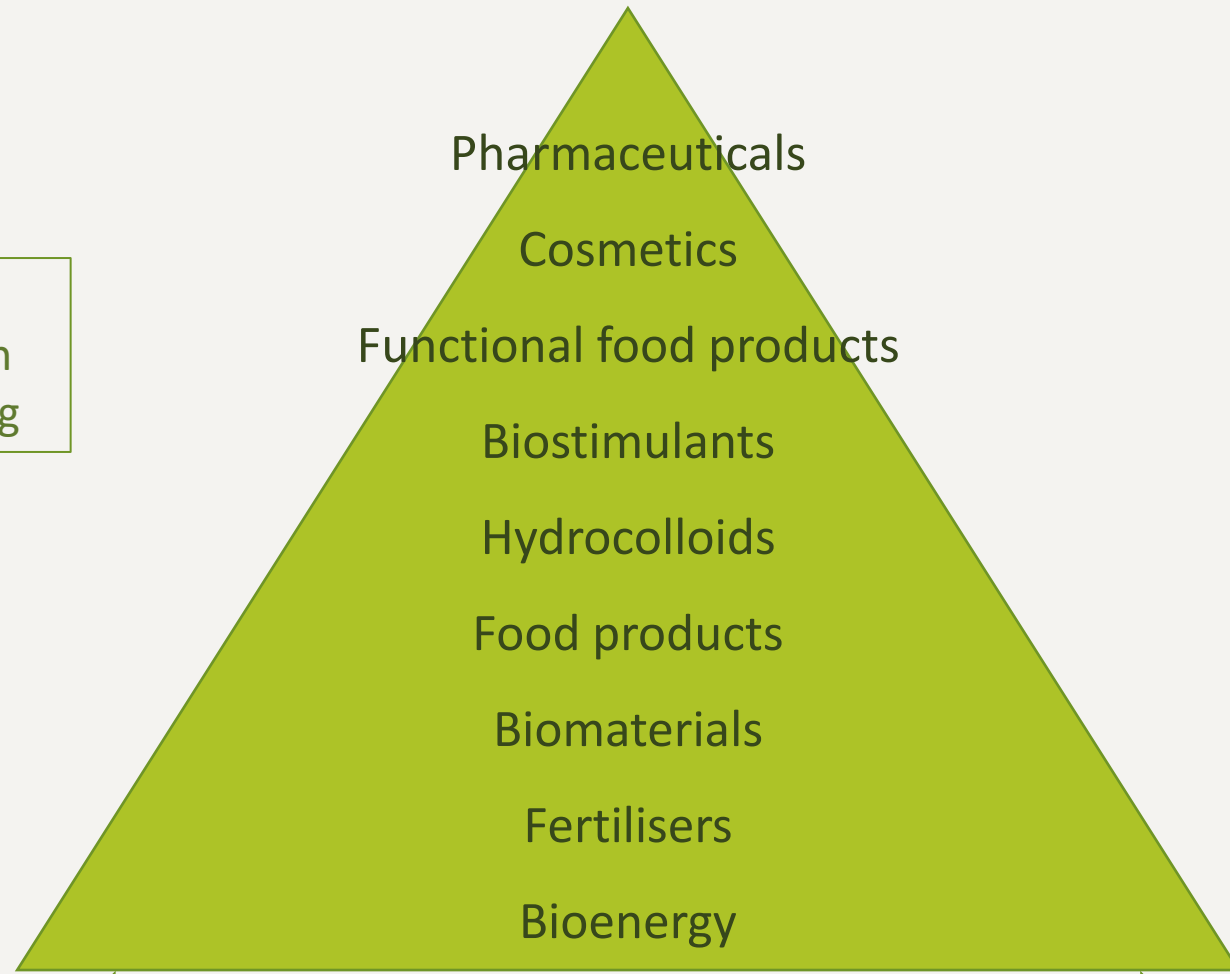


Supporting product developments from TRL4-5 to TRL 7-8



# Potential product market value

Combinations of products an option through biorefining



## Related projects





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**João Navalho (NECTON)** – Realm project

**Ólavur Gregersen (Ocean Rainforest)** - Seamark project

**Dr. Antonio Martinez-Abad (IATA)** – Circalgae project

**Frederick Bruce (SUBMARINER Network)** – AlgaeProBANOS project



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An underwater photograph showing a dense field of green and brown seaweed. Several small fish are visible swimming in the blue water. The text 'EU4Algae' is overlaid in white.

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