

EU Algae Awareness Summit

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- 8:00-9:00** **Registration and networking**
- 9:00-9:45** **From Potential to Policy: Unlocking Europe's Algae Future**
Opening session with Delilah Al Khudhairy, the Director for Maritime Policy and Blue Economy in the European Commission's Directorate General for Maritime Affairs and Fisheries (DG MARE). Further speakers in this session are Pierre Gilles, Jörg Ullmann, and Pierre Paslier.
- 9:45-10:00** **Announcement of the Algae Declaration**
By participating DGs of the Member States who have signed the declaration
- 10:00-11:15** **The EU algae sector on the rise? Where are we today and where could we be?**
In this session we will present the status quo of the algae industry sector in Europe, introduce the EU Algae agenda and selected national initiatives and discuss the possible scenarios and projections on where the sector could and should be in the future.
- 11:45-12:45** **Facilitated Round Tables Session 1: Looking Jointly at Algae Applications in Detail**
In facilitated round table discussions, participants from authorities, companies, and research will come together in groups to share perspectives and insights.
- 12:45-14:00** **Taste the Sea interactive lunch with exhibition of products and services**
- 14:00-15:30** **Fueling the future: Algae innovators & business on the move**
This session puts the company perspective at the forefront: we will showcase the large variety of cutting-edge European algae products and services; hear from entrepreneurs and investors, and discuss who and what is needed to accelerate algae sector growth.
- 16:00-16:30** **Growing together: Government tools powering Europe's algae breakthrough**
In this session we will explore how EU, national, and regional authorities can enable algae sector growth through cross-level governance, smart licensing, local incentives, and innovation support.

- 16:30-17:30** **Facilitated Round Tables Session 2: Prioritizing Actions to Reach our Objectives**
In facilitated round table discussions, participants from authorities, companies, and research will come together in groups to share perspectives and insights.
- 17:30-18:15** **Raising awareness: Educating our future algae advocates**
In this session, pupils and teachers taking part in algae workshops/activities at side events will have the opportunity to present on their results.
- 18:15-20:00** **Evening reception**

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- 9:00-9:30** **Opening Day 2**
Opening session with speeches by Costas Kadis, European Commissioner for Fisheries and Oceans, and Alois Rainer, German Minister of Food and Agriculture.
- 9:30-10:45** **Algae for a healthier planet: Unveiling nature's blue ally**
In this session, we will hear from experts and practitioners on the diverse environmental benefits of algae as a nature-positive solution. Together with all participants we will discuss good practices and recommendations for certifications, standards and other supporting tools.
- 11:15-12:15** **Facilitated Roundtables Session 3: EU4Algae in action - Reaching our destination**
In this final set of round table talks, we will conclude our discussions on the most pertinent actions to be taken by stakeholders around Europe to achieve our vision for the industry.
- 12:45-13:45** **Algae Imaginarium: Where art meets ocean innovation**
A vibrant and boundary-blurring session that brings together artists, designers, creative thinkers, and fashion innovators who are reimagining algae as both material and metaphor.
- 13:45-14:00** **Closing plenary**
The Algae Awareness Summit will conclude with a plenary session in which participants will have the opportunity to reflect on the results and takeaways from the conference.