

## EMBRIC News



### Survey released!

Please participate in our short survey and let us know where you see the potential of the blue bioeconomy! Where do you see opportunities, where challenges? And, are novel products from the sea - for example made from algae - already integral part of your food and cosmetics or a still a novelty? The survey takes about 3 minutes to complete.

[Answer our survey](#)



### Register now: APPRISE workshop

**How to build a competitive, sustainable and responsible European macro algae industry?**

**Location:** Station Biologique Roscoff, Brittany, France

**Time:** 09h00 6th September – 10h00 7th September 2018

**Project:** APPRISE: Anticipating Potential Pathways and Routes for Innovation towards desirable Socio-Economic impacts (focus on macro algae)

**Sponsor:** EUROMARINE

In recent years, there has been renewed interest in the mariculture of seaweeds and their use to provide fresh edible seaweeds in Western countries, as well as to secure the provision of biomass with specific qualities to boost the growing biotechnology sector in Europe. Several pilot scale cultivation sites and a few small commercial farms throughout European waters have proven the technical feasibility of this approach. However, the costs of algal biomass production are more than 10 times higher than simply collecting wild materials. Economically viable seaweed farms in Europe are still scarce with total surface not exceeding 100-150 ha. These depend on niche markets in Europe (cosmetics, food) to survive economically. The small amount of algal cultivation in Europe at present reflects the major bottleneck which is to develop markets able to absorb European seaweed production costs.

The workshop will bring together stakeholders from all parts of the macro algae innovation ecosystem (researchers, algae producers and harvesters, processing firms, user firms, industry associations, regulators, investors and policy representatives) to provide the right mix of expertise to develop a robust analysis of the challenges ahead.

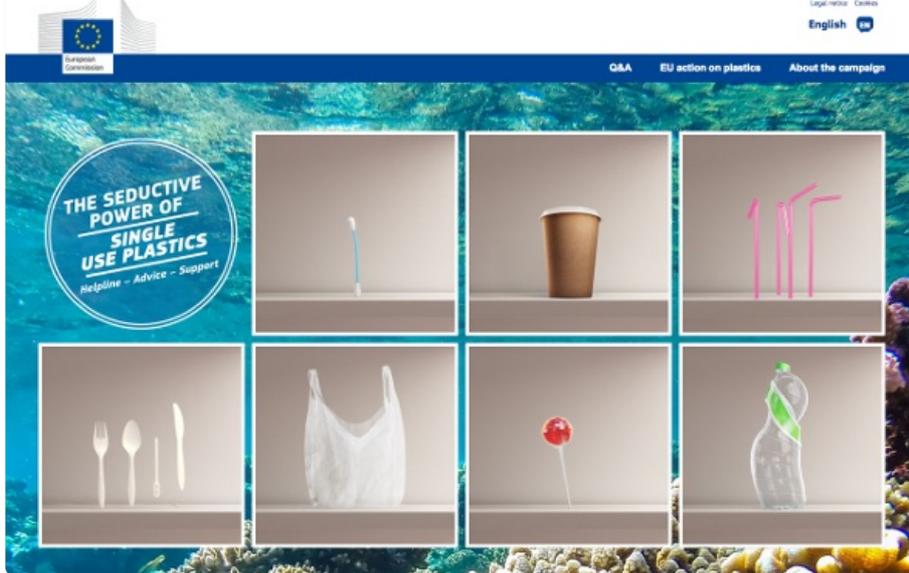
Get in touch with Douglas Robinson ([contact@douglas-robinson.com](mailto:contact@douglas-robinson.com)), if you are interested to participate in this event.

[More information on the workshop](#)

### How does the EU plan to reduce plastic waste?

Plastics are a huge problem for our environment and especially for the oceans. The EU has come up with several initiatives to reduce plastic waste. Learn more about them!

[EU action on plastics](#)



## Discover our results



**Deliverable 5.1**  
Community of Technology Transfer Officers created and trained

### Bringing the technology transfer officers together

A panel of **technology transfer (TT) officers**, who are representing the different Research Infrastructures, has been created. Periodic workshops were organised for TT officers to meet and establish regular fora to speak about on-going practices, IP and innovation management.

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## Get to know ...



### Genetic solutions for aquaculture

Xelect is a spin-out from the University of St Andrews and was founded in 2012. The company offers laboratory services, the development of genetic markers panels and broodstock genetics management support for finfish, shrimp and molluscs. Xelect fast expanded and now serves 52 customers in 17 countries.

Xelect is an EMBRIC partner.

## Open call

**The consortium of the ERA-NET Cofund MarTERA will launch a second joint call for transnational research and innovation projects on different thematic priority areas.**

The transnational call will address the following areas:

- Priority Area 1: Environmentally friendly maritime technologies
- Priority Area 2: Development of novel materials and structures
- Priority Area 3: Sensors, automation, monitoring and observations
- Priority Area 4: Advanced manufacturing and production
- Priority Area 5: Safety and security

MarTERA will implement the Call 2019 as a two-step procedure (a pre-proposal and a full-proposal step). Step 1 deadline for submission of pre-proposals is 29th March 2019. Further detailed information will be published soon on the MarTERA website.

Contact Filiz Aslan, f.aslan@fz-juelich.de

[More information!](#)

## Open position

The **Joint Programming Initiative on Healthy and Productive Seas and Oceans**, JPI Oceans, is inviting applications for the position of Executive Director at its office in Brussels.

[More information!](#)

## Upcoming EMBRIC events

- **World Aquaculture meeting**, Montpellier, France, 25.-29th August
- **Off the Shelf - Solutions for Fin- and Shell-fish selective breeding** in Montpellier, France, 25 August 2018
- **APPRISE workshop** – Station biologique de Roscoff, Roscoff, France – 6-7 September 2018
- **EMBRIC General Assembly**, Heraklion, Greece, 18-20 September 2018, **'Do not forget to register! For organizational reasons, registration will be open until August 12'** with the link to the website : <http://www.embric.eu/node/831>
- **ENA sequence retrieval day**, Hinxton, UK, 10 October 2018, [more information](#)

## Other upcoming events

- Blue Biotechnology in the Baltic Sea Region – from Science to Business, Brussels, Belgium, 22 - 24 August, 2018
- The 53rd European Marine Biology Symposium, September 17th and 21st, 2018, Ostend, Belgium : <http://www.embs53.org/>
- UGent Blue Growth Summerschool in Ostend, Belgium, 10-21 September 2018
- International Forum on Industrial Biotechnology and Bioeconomy (IFIB), Torino, Italy, 27-28 September
- Biomarine Business Convention in Cascais, Portugal, 2-3-4 October 2018
- European Forum for Industrial Biotechnology (EFIB), 16-18 October 2018 in Toulouse, France
- International Congress for Marine Biotechnology, 17-20 October 2018 in Monastir, Tunisia  
[More information](#)
- CABI training course: Isolation and identification of environmental fungi, 13 - 15 November 2018. The course will take place at CABI, Bakeham Lane, Egham, Surrey, TW20 9TY, UK  
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