

CONNECTING THE DOTS FOR A CIRCULAR BLUE BIOECONOMY

From science to policy and regulatory solutions



Policy event hosted by MEP Clara Aguilera

30 January 2024, 8:30-10:00

European Parliament, Room ASP 1E1 / Online

Interpretation English-Spanish will be available

DRAFT AGENDA

8:30

INTRODUCTION

Welcome and introduction by *MEP Clara Aguilera*

Brief introduction by *Ingeborg Korme*, BlueBio ERA-NET Cofund Coordinator

8:45

REGULATORY BARRIERS TO THE VALORISATION OF BLUE BIOBASED PRODUCTS

Short presentations of 3 projects funded by the BlueBio ERA-NET Cofund.

[BlueBioChain](#) : Microalgae to Assets: Identifying Regulatory and Social Hurdles in Turning Wastewater into Valuable Products, presented by **Dr Panagiotis Kougias**, Hellenic Agricultural Organization - Demeter Soil and Water Resources Institute, Project Coordinator

[Marigreen](#) : Barriers in the valorization of BLUE residues for the production of fertilizers and biostimulants, presented by **Dr Oana Cristina Parvulescu**, University NUST Politehnica Bucharest, Project Coordinator

[AquaHealth](#): Investigation of bioactive compounds from microalgae microbiomes for sustainable health management in aquaculture, presented by **Dr Kerstin Kuchta**, Hamburg University of Technology

09:00

MAKING THE BLUE BIOECONOMY MORE CIRCULAR

Authorising algae as an ingredient – Presentation by **Efthalia Arvaniti**, Programme manager of the SUBmariner Network

Facilitating the circularity of aquaculture feed – Presentation by **Dr Ann-Cecilie Hansen**, Norwegian Food Safety Authority

09:20

ROUND TABLE DISCUSSION

Lorella De La Cruz Iglesias, Deputy Head of Unit Blue Economy Sectors, Aquaculture and Maritime Spatial Planning, Directorate General for Maritime Affairs and Fisheries, European Commission

Alex Obach, President of the European Aquaculture Technology and Innovation Platform

Anne Mette Bæk, Managing Director, European Fishmeal and Fish Oil Producers, Member of the North Sea Advisory Council

Q&A with the audience

09:55

CONCLUSION

Closing remarks by MEP Clara Aguilera

Conclusions and next steps by Ingeborg Korme, BlueBio ERA-NET Cofund Coordinator