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Press Release

## **China Announced as Partner Country for AlgaEurope 2026**

The organisers of AlgaEurope 2026, the European Algae Biomass Association (EABA) and DLG Markets Benelux, are proud to announce China as the first-ever Partner Country of AlgaEurope, marking the launch of a new annual initiative that will spotlight one partner country each year. AlgaEurope 2026 will take place in Malta from 8 to 11 December 2026 and is expected to welcome a strong international delegation, with China playing a central role as Partner Country.

Starting in 2026, AlgaEurope will introduce a Partner Country programme to strengthen international collaboration, deepen global industry engagement, and provide a structured platform for long-term cooperation between Europe and leading algae nations worldwide. This initiative reflects the increasingly global nature of the algae sector and AlgaEurope's ambition to remain at the forefront of international dialogue between science, industry, and policy.

China has been selected as the inaugural Partner Country for AlgaEurope 2026 for several key reasons:

### **Global leadership in algae production**

China is the world's largest producer of algae biomass, leading global seaweed and microalgae aquaculture and hosting a rapidly growing algae sector serving food, feed, cosmetics, nutraceuticals, and industrial applications.

### **Strong alignment with AlgaEurope's international vision**

China's participation reinforces AlgaEurope's position as a truly international platform, connecting European and global stakeholders across the algae value chain.

### **High value for European and international participants**

The Partner Country focus on China will offer participants enhanced access to Chinese expertise, technologies, market insights, and industrial perspectives. This creates tangible opportunities for new collaborations, business development, research partnerships, and a deeper understanding of one of the world's most influential algae markets.

### **High potential for EU–China collaboration**

There is strong mutual interest in technology transfer, joint R&D, investment, industrial partnerships, and the harmonisation of standards and sustainability practices. The Partner Country framework provides a structured pathway to turn this interest into concrete cooperation.

The China Algae Industry Association will serve as the official Partner for AlgaEurope 2026. Both organisations are excited to grow this partnership beyond the conference itself and to build a long-term collaborative relationship for the future.

*“We are very pleased to see China selected as the first Partner Country of AlgaEurope,”* said Dr. Fengzheng Gao, Vice President Microalgae Branch of the China Algae Industry Association. *“This partnership reflects China’s openness to international collaboration and our shared commitment to advancing algae technologies, sustainability, and industrial innovation together with European partners.”*

*“For years AlgaEurope has been one of the most global and comprehensive conferences on science, technology, and business in the algae biomass sector, organised by industry professionals,”* said Carlos Unamunzaga, President of EABA. *“With the introduction of the Partner Country programme and China as our first partner, we are taking a decisive step toward strengthening AlgaEurope’s global impact and long-term international cooperation.”*

AlgaEurope 2026 promises to be a pivotal event in the algae biomass industry, driving progress and innovation forward. For more information about the conference, registration details, and updates, please visit [www.algaeurope.org](http://www.algaeurope.org).

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