



15<sup>th</sup> International Seaweed Conference EU

# Seagrassiculture

16 - 18 JUNE 2026  
GOTHENBURG, SWEDEN

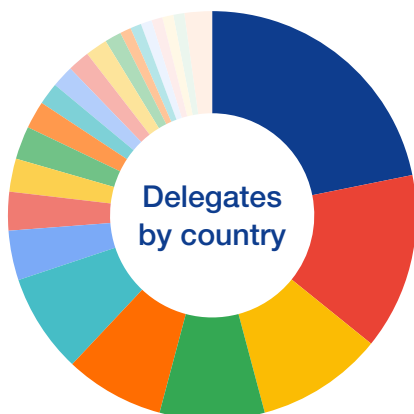
## Seagrassiculture EU 2026 Focuses on Resilience, Innovation and Real Impact

Seagrassiculture EU 2026, one of Europe's leading conferences for the seaweed industry, successfully welcomed 229 participants from 28 countries to Gothenburg, Sweden, from 16 - 18 June 2026. Under the theme "The European seaweed industry in transition: survival, scale and real impact", the event brought together seaweed producers, researchers, investors, policymakers, technology providers and innovators from across the global blue economy.

The conference explored how the European seaweed sector can move from promise to practice in a rapidly evolving market landscape shaped by climate challenges, changing regulations and increasing commercial expectations. Through keynote presentations, panel discussions, plenary sessions and networking activities, delegates discussed the opportunities and obstacles facing the industry as it seeks to scale sustainably and create measurable environmental and economic impact.

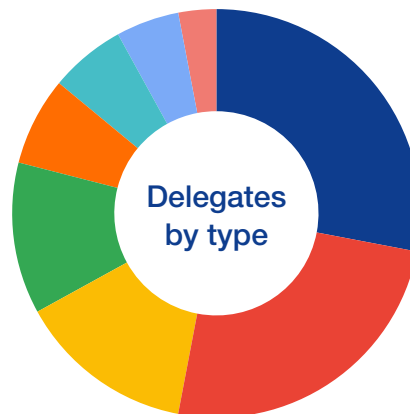


- Sweden - 50
- Norway - 32
- United Kingdom - 23
- The Netherlands - 19
- Germany - 18
- USA - 18
- Denmark - 9
- South Korea - 7
- Canada - 6
- France - 6
- Ireland - 5
- Italy - 4
- Lithuania - 4
- Portugal - 4
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- Iceland - 3
- Austria - 2
- Belgium - 2
- China - 2
- India - 2
- Japan - 2
- South Africa - 2
- Other - 5

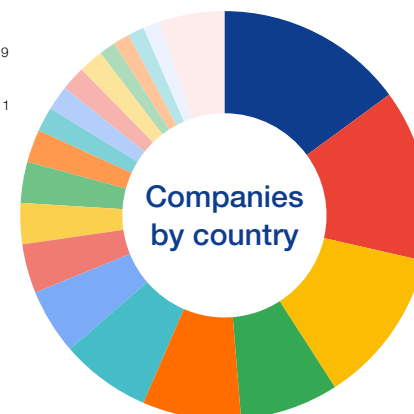


Total number of delegates: 229

- Academic & Research - 28%
- Seaweed Farmer - 25%
- Other - 14%
- Equipment & Technology Provider - 12%
- Government - 7%
- Seaweed Processor & Distributor - 6%
- Seaweed Applications - 5%
- Venture Capitalist & Investment - 3%



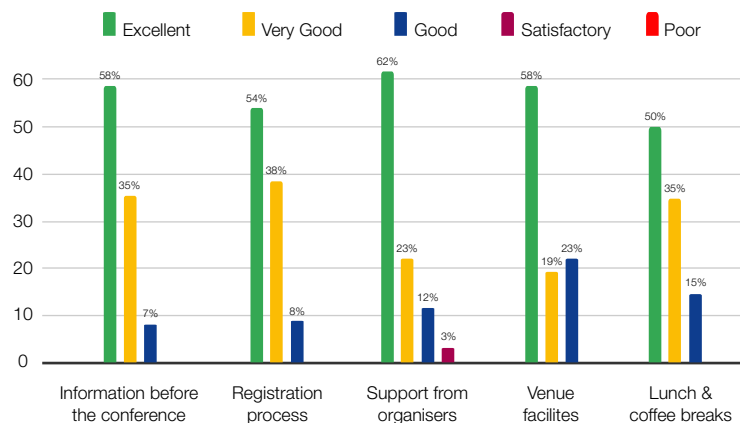
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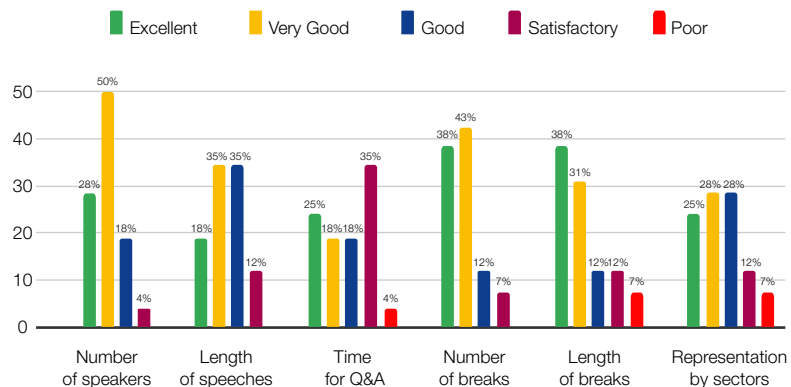
Total number of companies: 154



## How would you rate the organisation of the conference?

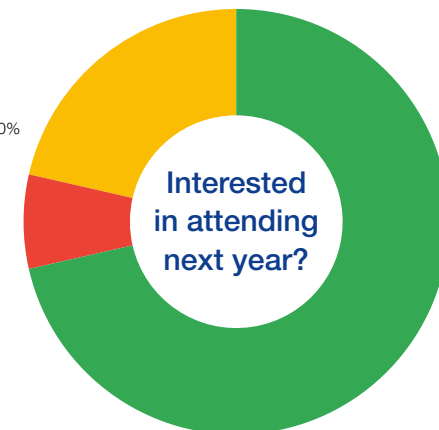


## How would you rate the quality of the structure and format of the sessions?



Seagrassiculture EU brings together seaweed professionals to exchange knowledge and foster partnerships to collectively advance the seaweed industry and unlock its full potential.

- Yes - 73%
- No - 7%
- Don't know yet - 20%



## The main reasons to attend Seagrassiculture EU are:



Network and meet in person



Connect with familiar faces and new people

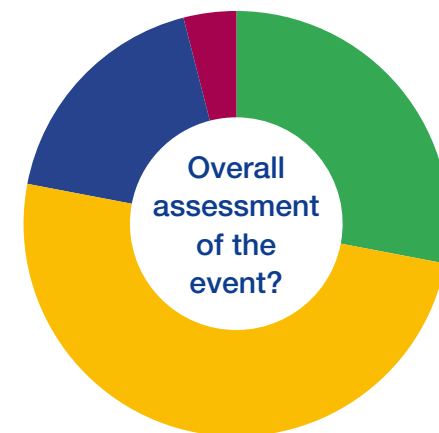


Stay updated on the latest developments



Be part of a vibrant seaweed community

- Excellent - 28%
- Very Good - 50%
- Good - 18%
- Satisfactory - 4%



# Conference Program Seagrass EU 2026



**Keynote presentation** by Robert Carleke, Inter IKEA Group, Sweden

## **Session 1: The European seaweed industry in transition: survival, scale and real impact**



Maya Miltell, SUBMARINER Network for Blue Growth, Germany



Ingrid Undeland, Chalmers University of Technology, Department of Life Sciences - Food and Nutrition Science (FNS), Sweden



Gary Molano, MacroBreed LLC, USA

## **Session 2: Biostimulants and biomaterials: hype or hoax?**



Peter Green, Hatch Blue, United Kingdom



Christoffer Joys Roang, Kelpinor AS, Norway



Kinge Gardien, Manatee Biomaterials, Sweden



Dr. Mark Dorris, Mercel Ltd, United Kingdom



**Keynote presentation** by Adrien Vincent, Albatros Advisory, France

## **Session 3: Panel discussion on today's financial needs for the maturing European seaweed industry**



Moderator:  
Ola Jönsson, Partners in Quest, Sweden



Panelists:  
Alex Shapiro, World Wildlife Fund, USA



Michael White, Planet Ocean Capital, Luxembourg



Marie Sandin, Tetra Pak, Sweden



Adam Kybird, Triodos / Pymwycm Healthy Food Systems Growth Fund, The Netherlands

## **Session 4: Epic fails and honest tales: Mistakes that made us**



Jeff Hafting, Ph.D., Totally Seaweed Consulting, Canada



Jessica Schiller, Hortimare, The Netherlands



David Mackie, Marine Biopolymers Ltd, United Kingdom

## **Seaweed Elevator Pitches**



Mar Vall-Ilosera Juanola, Food & Nutrition Science division, Department of Life Sciences, Chalmers University of Technology, Sweden



Jennifer Perry, University of Maine, USA



Thiago Correa, International Bioeconomy & Macroalgae Center (IBMC) and the Energy & Biosciences Institute (EBI), UC Berkeley, USA



Roy Henderson, Green Cell Technologies, United Kingdom



Juhyun Andy Yi, ASC & MSC, Republic of Korea



Jean-Paul Cadoret, EABA / ALGAMA, France



**Keynote Presentation** by Pi Nyvall, Olmix, France

## **Session 5: Professionalizing the seaweed industry: learning from pioneers**



Franck Hennequart, ALGAIA, France



Anna-Kajsa Lidell, anna-kajsa, Sweden



Samantha Garwin, GreenWave, USA

## **Session 6: Overview of seaweed projects in EU and worldwide**



Angela Schultz-Zehden, s.Pro sustainable-projects / SUBMARINER Network, Germany



Urd Grandorf Bak, Ocean Rainforest, Faroe Islands



Øivind Bergh, Institute of Marine Research, Norway



Ahmed Ali Al-Awadi, Sultan Qaboos University, Sultanate of Oman



**Keynote Presentation** by Xu Ben Zhang, Kelp Forest Foundation, The Netherlands

## **Session 7: Seaweeds for value: carbon capture, biodiversity and beyond**



Lorena Neira, Blusink Ltd, United Kingdom



Caroline Haukeland, SeaForester, Norway



Hayley Swanlund, Scottish Association for Marine Science (SAMS), United Kingdom

## **Seaweed Elevator Pitches**



Dr. Anna Fricke, food4future (F4F) and SolKubiM c/o Leibniz Institute of Vegetable and Ornamental Crops (IGZ), Germany



Juan Carlos Aguirre Martínez, Bustamante + Freyre, Mexico/EU



Nikhil Neelakantan, Ocean Visions, USA



Anna Þóra Hrólfssdóttir, Matís, Iceland



Matteo Francavilla, University of Foggia, Italy

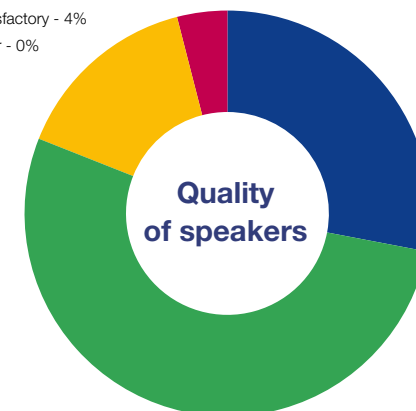


Sarah Carpenter, Goldsmiths - University of London, United Kingdom

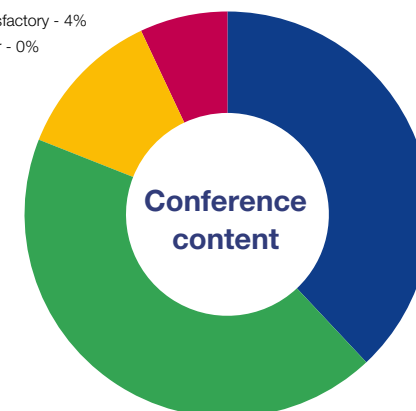


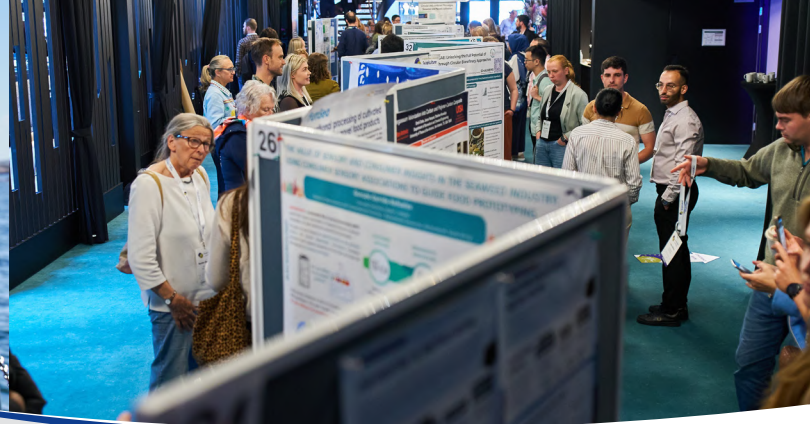
Mounia Lekrati, Higher Institute of Marine Fisheries, Morocco

- Excellent - 28%
- Very Good - 53%
- Good - 15%
- Satisfactory - 4%
- Poor - 0%



- Excellent - 30%
- Very Good - 49%
- Good - 17%
- Satisfactory - 4%
- Poor - 0%

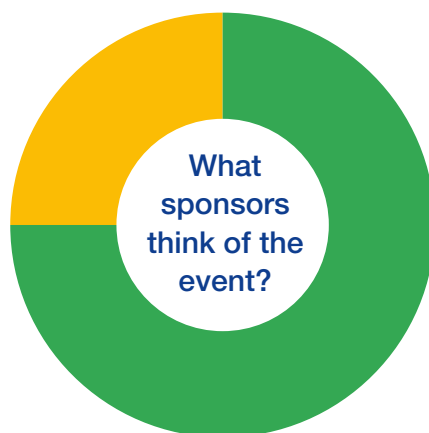




## Sponsors and Trade Show Participants

### The main reasons why companies sponsor and exhibit at Seagriculture EU:

- Will sponsor again - 75%
- Don't know yet - 25%



Establish a presence in this developing market



Establish new business contacts



Sell products and/or services



Obtain market information

### Trade Show Participants

- Will participate again - 75%
- Don't know yet - 25%



# Networking Opportunities

## Conference Dinner

A highlight of the social programme was the conference dinner at Feskekörka (the iconic Fish Church), where attendees enjoyed an evening of networking, local cuisine, and drinks in one of Gothenburg's most distinctive landmarks.



## Site Visit

On 16 June, participants joined an exclusive site visit to Nordic SeaFarm, featuring a boat tour to the company's seaweed cultivation site in the beautiful Grebbestad archipelago. The programme also included a visit to Tjärnö Marine Laboratory, where experts from the University of Gothenburg shared insights into the latest developments in seaweed research, offering a unique combination of industry innovation and scientific expertise.



## What people think of Seagriculture EU 2026:



It's a well-spent time to catch up with the seaweed sector community from Europe and beyond, get insights on latest innovations and make new connections.

*Pierrick Stévant, Norwegian Seaweed Cluster, Norway*

Excellent platform for whole-industry networking and cross-sector communication. It brought together a strong mix of people from across the seaweed value chain and created valuable opportunities for discussion, collaboration, and practical knowledge exchange.

*Ian Tuart, Maripure, Denmark*

Seagriculture is thoughtfully designed from start to finish. They bring an excellent variety of speakers, draw an incredibly diverse group of delegates, and have a truly phenomenal trade show. You could easily spend the whole conference chatting with the speakers, delegates, and sponsors, but you don't want to miss the presentations (or the food...!)

*Ali Hill, UC Berkeley, USA*

Wonderful experience from a team that really understands what to focus on.

*Peter Green, Hatch Blue, United Kingdom*

It is a very comprehensive algae conference.

*Matteo Francavilla, STAR\*Facility Centre / University of Foggia, Italy*

It is a difficult enough task to organise a conference but to do it successfully as Seagriculture 2026 managed, shows professionalism, skills but also an authentic personal touch.

*David Mackie, MBL, United Kingdom*

What a fantastic event Seagriculture 2026 in Gothenburg has been. Highlights included visiting Nordic SeaFarm, experiencing a traditional Swedish dinner, and connecting with some of the world's leading experts and innovators in the seaweed industry. It has truly been an unforgettable experience. A huge thank you to the DLG Benelux and Seagriculture teams for delivering such a well-organised event. A great programme, meaningful discussions, and wonderful people from across the global seaweed community.

*Luke White, Catchgreen, South Africa*

Excellent meeting place for those who work in the Seaweed sector in Europe

*Angela Schultz-Zehden, SUBMARINER Network, Germany*

Seagriculture Eu 2026 was an excellent conference, where I learned a lot about the cutting-edge of the sector, was able to network with other seaweed cultivators and get feedback on our products and services from end users in the space. I will be coming back next year for sure.

*Amav Mariwala, MariTide, India*



# Next Seagriculture EU:



Join our exclusive site visit on 15 June and discover the seaweed and aquaculture ecosystem in Ostend \*

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Join us for an inspiring visit to the Oosteroever of Ostend, a dynamic coastal zone where innovation meets tradition in the heart of Belgium's blue economy. After a short ferry ride across the harbor, you will arrive in an area known for its concentration of ocean-related businesses, including the Fish Market, local fish shops, and leading seafood and marine-focused organisations.



\*Please note that places are limited. Early registration is strongly recommended, as availability cannot be guaranteed.

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## Seagriculture EU 2026

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