



14th International Seaweed Conference EU

Seagrassiculture

17 - 19 JUNE 2025
ROTTERDAM, THE NETHERLANDS

Seagrassiculture EU 2025 Gathers Over 200 Global Seaweed Experts in Rotterdam: Today's Scaling for Tomorrow's Needs

Seagrassiculture EU 2025, one of the leading conferences for the seaweed industry, successfully brought together more than 200 participants from 26 countries in Rotterdam from 17 - 19 June. This year's theme, "Seaweed 2.0: Today's Scaling for Tomorrow's Needs", underscored the industry's need to scale responsibly and collaboratively in response to growing global demand for sustainable solutions

Seagrassiculture EU continues to drive innovation, market development, and sustainable practices in the seaweed sector. By bringing together a global community of experts and stakeholders, the 2025 edition has further helped to strengthen the foundation for seaweed to play a meaningful role in the transition toward more sustainable and climate-conscious solutions.

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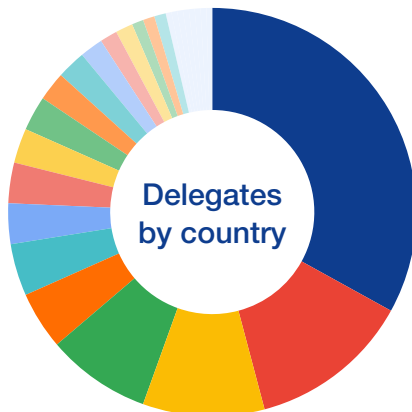
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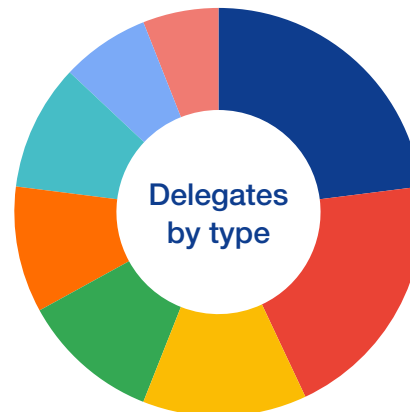
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- The Netherlands - 72
- Norway - 28
- United Kingdom - 21
- Germany - 18
- Belgium - 10
- Portugal - 9
- Iceland - 7
- Ireland - 7
- Canada - 6
- USA - 6
- Denmark - 5
- Japan - 5
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- India - 2
- Italy - 2
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- Other - 8

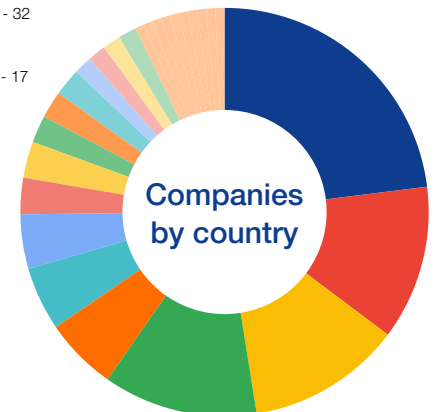


Total number of delegates: 218

- Seaweed Farmer - 23%
- Academic & Research - 20%
- Equipment & Technology Provider - 13%
- Other - 11%
- Seaweed Applications - 10%
- Seaweed Processor & Distributor - 10%
- Government - 7%
- Venture Capitalist & Investment - 6%



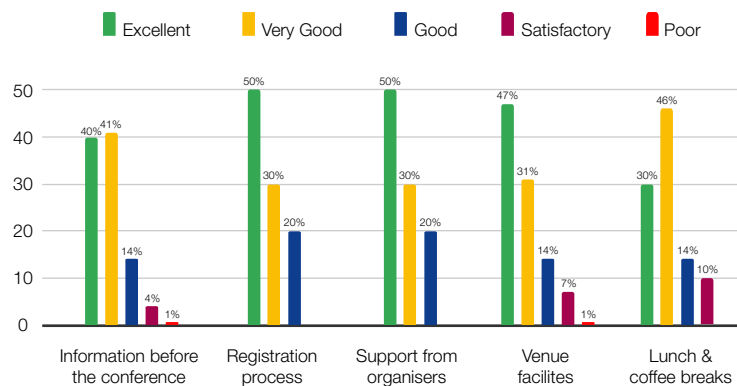
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- Italy - 2
- Japan - 2
- Other - 10



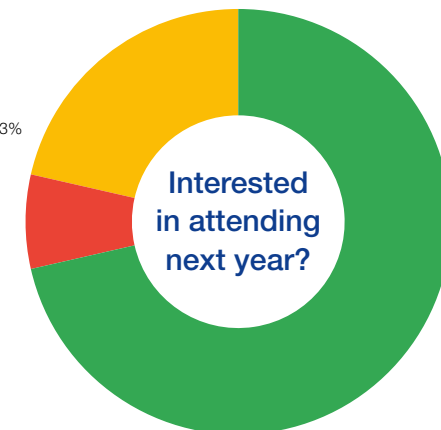
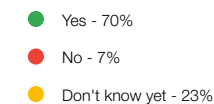
Total number of companies: 139



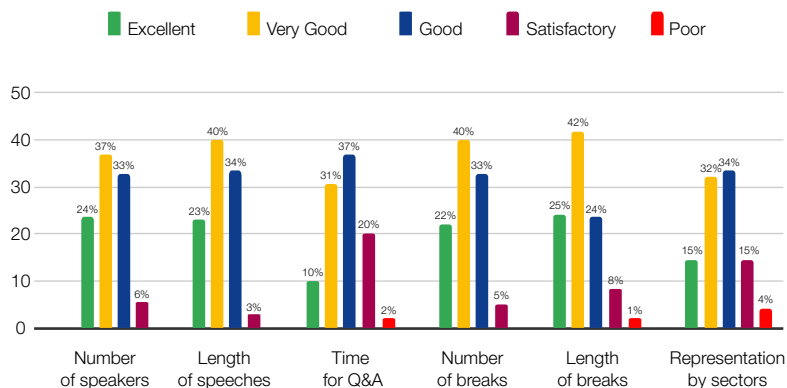
How would you rate the organisation of the conference?



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



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



The main reasons to attend Seagrassiculture EU are:



Network and meet in person



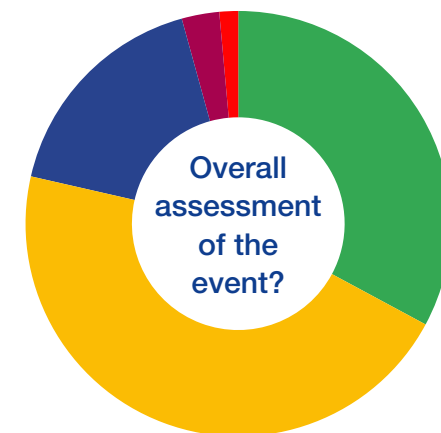
Connect with familiar faces and new people



Stay updated on the latest developments



Be part of a vibrant seaweed community



Conference Program Seagrassiculture EU 2025

Session 1: Roadmap for the European seaweed industry



Moderator: Eef Brouwers, NSF, The Netherlands

Panelists:



Meindert Stolk, Regional Economy and Innovation, Environmental Quality and Enforcement, Culture and Heritage, Provincie Zuid-Holland, The Netherlands



Maris Stulgis, DG MARE, European Commission, Belgium



Angela Schultz-Zehden, s.Pro sustainable projects GmbH & SUBMARINER Network for Blue Growth EEIG, Germany



Joanne Gaffney, Bord Iascaigh Mhara (BIM), Ireland



Fanny Faure-Fievet, Fisheries and Aquaculture – Ministry of Ecological Transition – French Government, France



Keynote Presentation by Sander van den Burg, Wageningen Social & Economic Research, The Netherlands

Session 2: Collaboration as a tool to a successful seaweed industry



Elin Njåstad, Norwegian Seaweed Cluster, Norway



Alexander Ebbing, Ebbing Tides, The Netherlands



Frederick Bruce, s.Pro – sustainable projects GmbH, Germany

Session 3: Professionalizing the seaweed industry: learning from pioneers



João Navalho, Necton, S.A., Portugal



Haik van Exel, Hortimare, The Netherlands



Kees Joziase, TotalEnergies Corbion, The Netherlands



Pierre Paslier, Notpla, United Kingdom

Session 4: Panel discussion on seaweed investments and business aspects



Moderator: Christelle Sapata, PwC Luxembourg, Luxembourg



Panelists:
Richard Piechocki, Rabobank, The Netherlands



Morgan Ræ, L'eautelier, Belgium/USA



Tessa Charupatanapongse, Potato Impact Partners, Singapore



Rita Sousa, Faber, Portugal

Seaweed Elevator Pitches



Christoffer Joys, Kelpinor AS, Norway



Josefine Staats, Algae AI Hub @ Kulau GmbH, Germany



Karla Dussan Rojas, Netherlands Organisation for Applied Scientific Research TNO, The Netherlands



Rui Pereira, A4F, Algae for Future, Portugal



Helena Melo Amaro, Íncita Seaweed Solutions, Portugal



Brian Tsuyoshi Takeda, Japan Blue Economy Association, Japan



Keynote Presentation by Dr. Stefan Kraan, Oceana Organic Products Ltd, Ireland

Session 5: Novel seaweed applications: value-added products and market opportunities



Maria Hayes, Teagasc - The Irish Agricultural and Food Development Authority, Ireland



Kate Sullivan, Uncracked, USA



Remko Hol, Olijck Foods, Meat you Halfway & Sea you Halfway, The Netherlands

Session 6: Seaweed 2.0: Today's scaling for tomorrow's needs



Junning Cai, Food and Agriculture Organization of the United Nations, Italy



Bailey Moritz, Seaweed Farming, World Wildlife Fund, USA



Juliet Brodie, Phycology, Natural History Museum, United Kingdom



Annelous Oerbekke, Nordic SeaFarm, Sweden



Keynote Presentation by Annette Bruhn, Aarhus University, Department of Ecoscience, Denmark

Session 7: Seaweeds as a tool for ecosystem services



Jon Dickson, Royal Netherlands Institute for Sea Research / Marine Trees, The Netherlands



Mar Fernández Méndez, AWI / MacroCarbon, Germany / Spain



Oliver Hicks, Algapelago Marine Ltd, United Kingdom

Seaweed Elevator Pitches



Aurora Tung Nilsen, SINTEF Ocean, Norway



Dr. Claudio Grunewald, King Abdullah University of Science and Technology, Saudi Arabia



Peter Green, Hatch Blue, Norway



Lizeth Botes, Bivalve Shellfish Farmers' Association of South Africa (BSASA), South Africa



Isa Hiemstra, Wageningen University & Research, The Netherlands

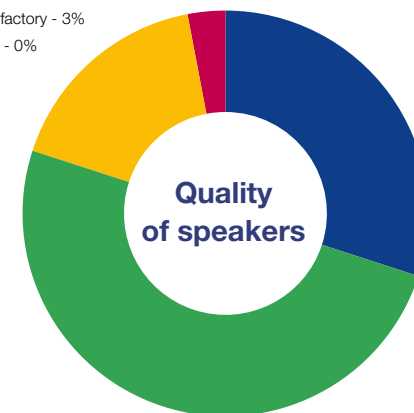


Teis Boderskov, Aarhus University, Denmark

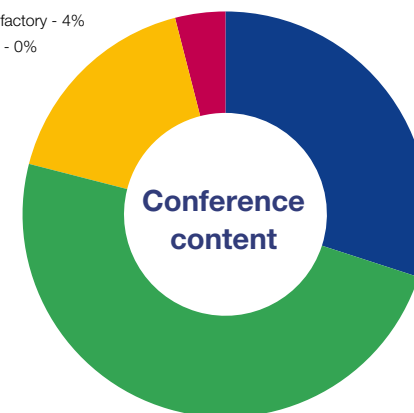


Manuel Lopez, EUSPA (EU Agency for the Space Programme), Czech Republic

- Excellent - 30%
- Very Good - 50%
- Good - 17%
- Satisfactory - 3%
- Poor - 0%



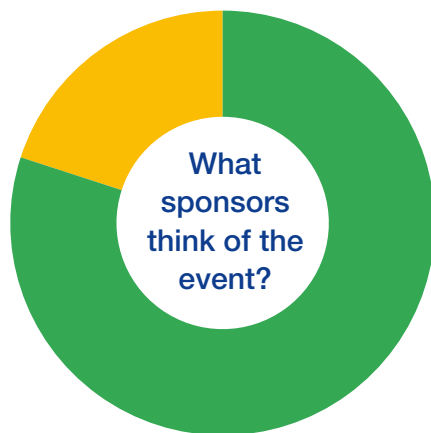
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- Good - 17%
- Satisfactory - 4%
- Poor - 0%



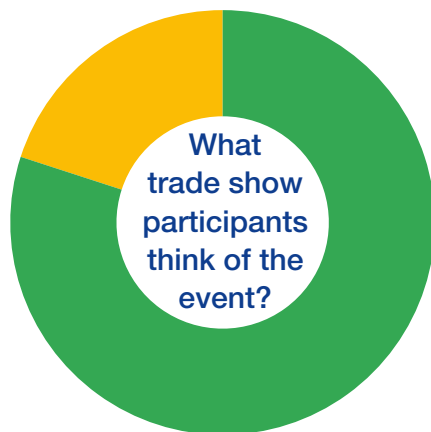


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- Will sponsor again - 80%
- Don't know yet - 20%



- Will participate again - 80%
- Don't know yet - 20%



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

-  Establish a presence in this developing market
-  Establish new business contacts
-  Sell products and/or services
-  Obtain market information
-  Monitor competitive activity

Trade Show Participants



Networking Opportunities

Conference Dinner

A highlight of the social program was the conference dinner at BlueCity, where attendees enjoyed scenic views of the Rotterdam skyline and river while networking over local cuisine and drinks on a sunny evening



Site Visits

On 17 June, participants had the opportunity to choose between two in-depth site visits. Hortimare showcased their culture collection and cultivation systems, shared how they approach breeding, support farming operations, and several other aspects. NIOZ – Royal Netherlands Institute for Sea Research hosted a scientific meeting in collaboration with the NWO-KIC projects CircAqua, SeaSeeds, and From Sea to Society. Attendees explored seaweed research through a mix of oral and poster presentations.



What people think of Seagriculture EU 2025:

A dynamic & diverse conference where it is easy to socialize and catch up on new companies, trends & challenges within the whole industry from different perspectives.

Jerome van Schie, Hortimare

A well-rounded and intimate conference that allowed me to connect with micro and macro algae professionals in a semi-casual and considered way. Appreciated the use of seaweed throughout the event as well.

Morgan Rae, L'EAUTELIER

Very good and productive!

Ahmed Al-Sooti, Sultan Qaboos University

"Seagriculture" is a key annual European seaweed conference bringing together vibrant and dynamic seaweed sector representatives

Maris Stulgis, DG MARE

Reconnecting with friends and colleagues gaining new insides and exploring new opportunities for projects and collaborations

Stefan Kraan, Oceana Organic Products Ltd Ireland

I've attended and presented at Seagriculture in Europe, US and Asia. This year's conference in Rotterdam exceeded my expectations in terms of the quality of the pre-conference field trip and two-day presentations. I appreciate the business and market focus of the conference and always come away with new ideas and inspiration.

Scott Lindell, MacroBreed LLC, USA

Seagriculture EU 2025 in Rotterdam brought together diverse topics and inspiring speakers—like Sander van den Burg on Power, Codification, and Cooperation—to chart the next steps in seaweed's journey, scaling responsibly through collaboration across research, industry and policy.

Felix Ghyczy, BlueBurn

Very good conference, especially for industry/business people. Nice size in terms of participants, excellent organization, plenty of opportunities for networking.

Rui Pereira, A4F, Portugal



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A Three-Day Program Showcasing the Global Seaweed Landscape

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Site Visits

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