

Seagriculture

16 - 18 JUNE 2026
GOTHENBURG, SWEDEN

Seagriculture EU 2026 Conference Programme

Site visit to Nordic SeaFarm: Tuesday 16 June 2026

Departure at Gothenburg Central Station: 08:00

Back at Gothenburg Central Station: 17:00

Conference day 1: Wednesday 17 June 2026

8:00 - 9:00 Welcome Coffee

9:00 - 9:25 Opening of the conference

Prof. Katharina Riehn (DLG, Germany)

Margareta A Broang (City of Gothenburg, Sweden)

Renée Bengtsson (Region Västra Götaland, Sweden)

Christer Olausson (Nordic SeaFarm, Sweden)

09:25 - 09:45 Keynote presentation

Robert Carleke (Inter IKEA Group, Sweden)

09:45 - 10:45 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, Sweden)

Gary Molano (MacroBreed LLC, USA)

10:45 - 11:15 Coffee Break / Trade Show

11:15 - 12:35 Session 2: Biostimulants and biomaterials: hype or hoax?

Peter Green (Hatch Blue, United Kingdom)

Christoffer Joys Røang (Kelpinor AS, Norway)

Kinge Gardien (Manatee Biomaterials, Sweden)

Dr. Mark Dorris (MerceL Ltd, United Kingdom)

12:35 - 12:50 Exhibitor Showcase: Introduction of Trade Show Participants

12:50 - 14:05 Lunch / Trade Show

14:05 - 14:25 Keynote presentation

Adrien Vincent (Albatros Advisory, France)

14:25 - 15:15 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 (Pymwymic Healthy Food Systems Growth Fund, The Netherlands)

15:15 - 15:45 Coffee Break / Poster Session / Trade Show

15:45 - 16:45 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)

16:45 - 17:30 Seaweed Elevator Pitches

Mar Vall-Ilosera Juanola (Department of Life Sciences, Chalmers University of Technology, Sweden)

Jennifer Perry (University of Maine, USA)

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

Roy Henderson (Green Cell Technologies, United Kingdom)

Juhyun Andy Yi (ASC & MSC, Republic of Korea)

Jean-Paul Cadoret (EABA / ALGAMA, France)

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17:30 - 17:40 Closing of the conference day

**18:30 - 21:30 Conference dinner at Feskekörka -
Gothenburg's iconic Fish Church**

Conference day 2: Thursday 18 June 2026

08:00 - 09:00 Welcome Coffee

09:00 - 09:15 Opening of the conference day

09:15 - 09:35 Keynote Presentation

Pi Nyvall (Olmix, France)

09:35 - 10:35 Session 5: Professionalizing the seaweed industry: learning from pioneers

Franck Hennequart (ALGAIA, France)

Anna-Kajsa Lidell (anna-kajsa, Sweden)

Samantha Garwin (GreenWave, USA)

10:35 - 11:05 Coffee Break / Trade Show

11:05 - 12:25 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 (OLAMUR, Institute of Marine Research, Norway)

Ahmed Ali Al-Alawi (Sultan Qaboos University, Sultanate of Oman)

12:25 - 13:25 Lunch / Trade Show

13:25 - 13:45 Keynote Presentation

Brian Tsuyoshi Takeda (Restorae + Secretariat of International Affairs, Japan Blue Economy Association, Norway / Japan)

Xu Ben Zhang (Kelp Forest Foundation, The Netherlands)

13:45 - 14:45 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, United Kingdom)

14:45 - 15:00 Coffee Break / Trade Show

15:00 - 15:50 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 Póra Hrólfsdóttir (Matís, Iceland)

Matteo Francavilla (STAR*Facility Centre – Department of Agriculture, Foods, Natural Resources and Engineering – University of Foggia, Italy)

Sarah Carpenter (Goldsmiths - University of London, United Kingdom)

Mounia Lekrati (Food Process Engineering, Higher Institute of Marine Fisheries, Morocco)

15:50 - 16:00 Closing of the conference

Maris Stulgis (DG MARE, European Commission, Belgium)