

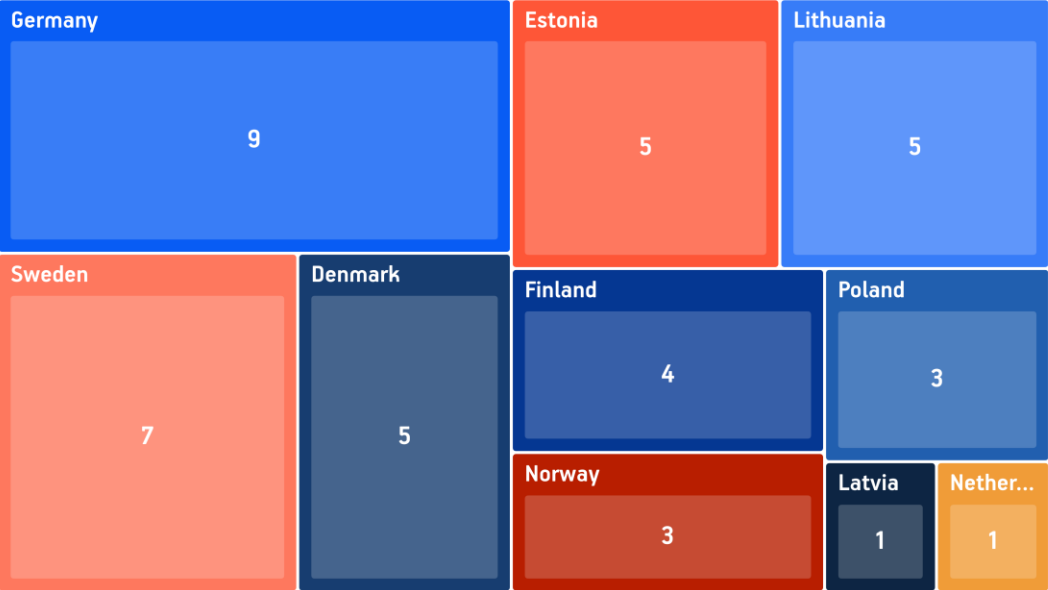


# Acceleration support efforts for algaepreneurs and bluebiotech innovators

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# SUBMARINER Network



80+ Start-ups/SMEs

200+ Institutional Partners

60+ Mentors/Coaches

30+ Associate Members

13 Full Members

1500+ Individual Experts



#EU4Algae





# Our Scope ...

## OUR BLUE ECONOMY SOLUTIONS COVER NINE AREAS:



Algae Cultivation,  
Processing  
& Products



Bivalve Farming,  
Processing,  
& Products



Sustainable  
Aquaculture  
& Fisheries



Ocean  
Multi-Use



Marine Spatial  
Planning



Marine  
Protected Areas



Ocean  
Governance



Business  
Support



Education &  
Capacity Building

# SUBMARINER service offer

## Services in Projects:

- + Project Coordination // Stakeholder Engagement // Results uptake
- + Think-tank
- + Conferences webinars
- + Position & policy papers // Roadmaps
- + 6,000 Actors mapped with 500 companies mapped

## Services to SUBMARINER Members:

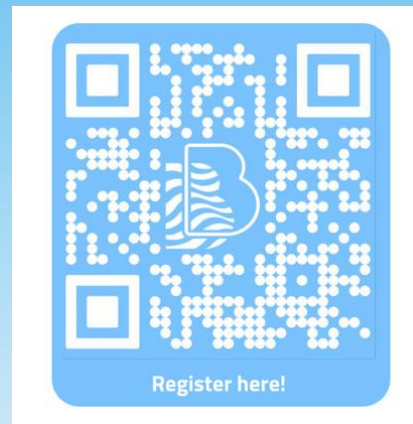
- + Promotion of members' competences & interests
- + Priority Access to Funding Opportunities // Match-Making // Project Development
- + Priority Access to a searchable stakeholder database

## Services to Companies:

- + Accelerator for Spin-Offs, Start-ups, SMEs
- + Company & Product Catalogue
- + Knowledge and people brokerage
- + SEED money opportunities



# Long-Term Collaboration & Initiatives



## Working Groups

Various Topics  
Across Projects  
Research, Companies, Authorities



BlueBioMatch:  
Collaborative Platform for Individuals



Massive Open Online Courses:  
Introduction to Blue Bioeconomy  
Entrepreneurship

## Mentors

Individual Dedicated Assistance  
Mentors Forum  
Financed ...with funds

# Projects 2022-2029





# I3-4-SEAWEED project

## *Investing in seaweed innovation across Europe*

Develop the value chain for seaweed, promoting the progress of coastal and maritime areas of different regions of the EU.

New seaweed cultivation techniques and algal biotechnological application, into the food, biofertilizers and cosmetics industries.

### Project info:

**Total budget:** 8.99 million € (*6.83 million € from EU*)

**FSTP budget:** 1.8 million €

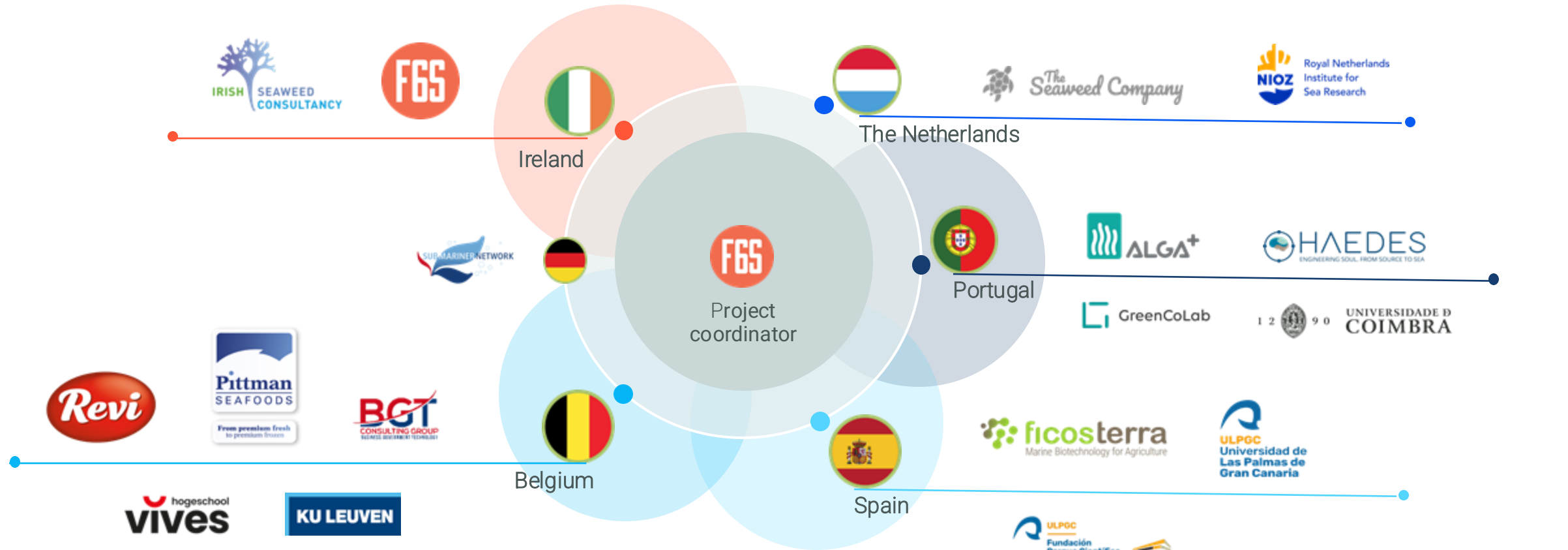
**Duration:** 36 months

**Consortium:** 16 partners from PT, ES, BE, DE, NL, IE

**Project Coordinator:** F6S



# I3-4-SEAWEED consortium



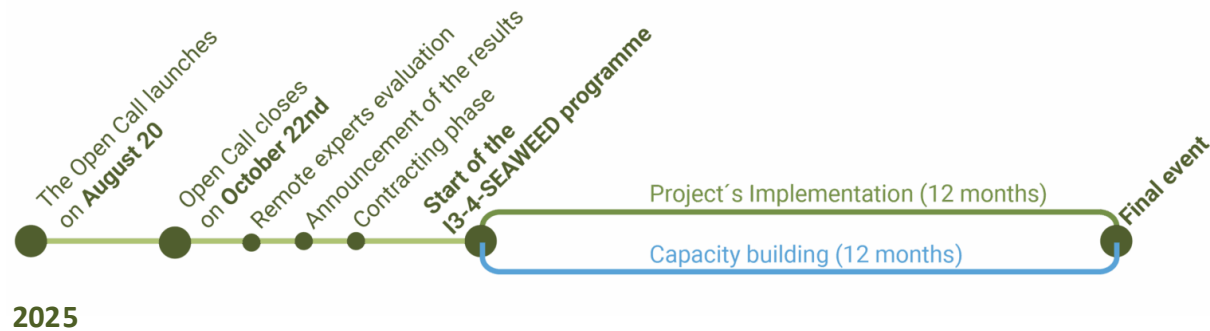


# I3-4-SEAWEED FSTP Call Open

## Strand A & Strand B

Number of Projects to be supported: 30

Budget per project: €60,000



**Open Call**

Sustainable and innovative seaweed-based solutions

**Applications Open**

**20.08 - 22.10**

**2025**

**Read more:**  
**[i3-4-seaweed.eu](https://i3-4-seaweed.eu)**

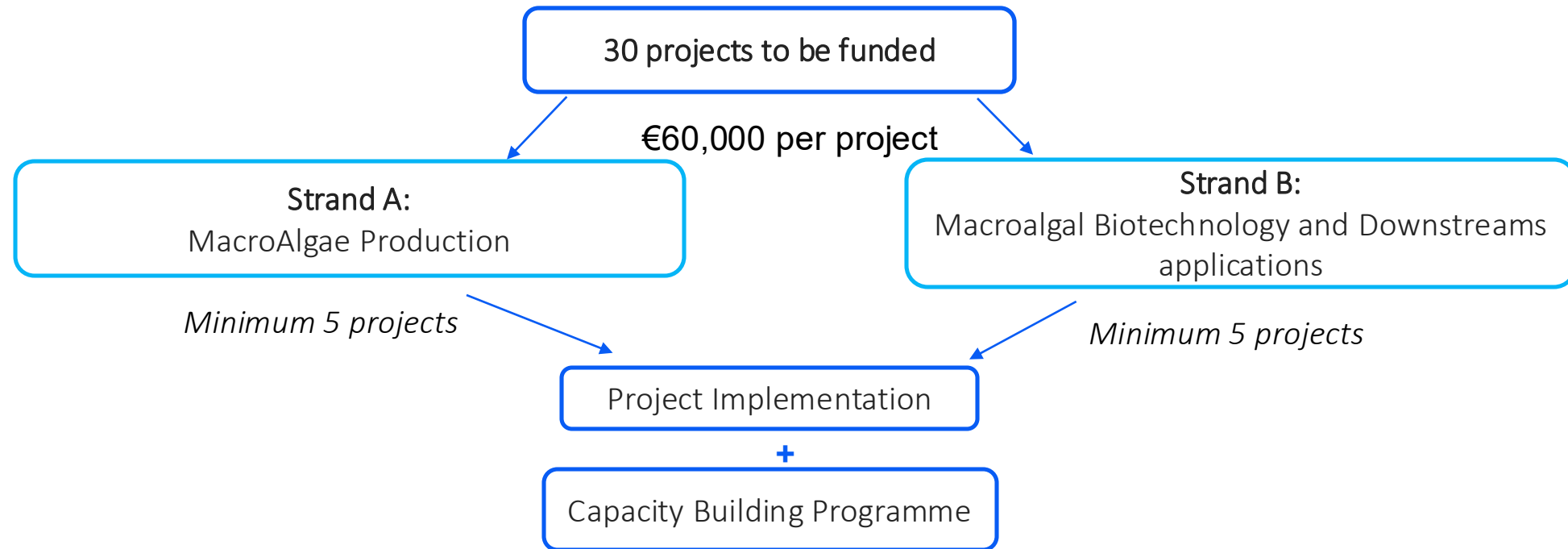
 Co-funded by the European Union

**I3-4 SEAWEED**

60 000 EUR

Macroalgae SME's

# I3-4-SEAWEED Funding Programme



# FSTP Eligibility

**Applicants :** Legal **SME** entities or consortia (max. 2 SMEs)

**Requirements:**

**Valid VAT number** (unincorporated startups not eligible)

Projects with minimum **TRL 6** (Technology Readiness Level), aiming at demonstration, market uptake & commercialisation

## Eligible regions

<div><div>— Belgium</div><div>BE10   Région de Bruxelles-Capitale/Brussels Hoofdstedelijk Gewest</div><div>BE24   Prov. Vlaams-Brabant</div><div>BE25   Prov. West-Vlaanderen</div><div>BE34   Prov. Luxembourg (BE)</div></div>	<div>+ Spain</div> <div>+ France</div> <div>+ Croatia</div> <div>+ Hungary</div> <div>+ Ireland</div>	<div>+ Italy</div> <div>+ Lithuania</div> <div>+ Latvia</div> <div>+ Netherlands</div> <div>+ Poland</div>	<div>+ Portugal</div> <div>+ Romania</div> <div>+ Slovenia</div> <div>+ Slovakia</div>
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# Types of projects

*Note: The sub-criterion “relevance to I3-4-SEAWEED’s investment cases” will have a greater weighting.*



# Apply to I3-4-SEAWEED Open Call!



[i3-4-seaweed.eu/open-call](https://i3-4-seaweed.eu/open-call)





# AlgaeProBANOS

## Accelerating algae product development in the Baltic and North Sea

8 innovative  
algae  
products

6 product  
pipelines

Algae  
Accelerator  
programme

Sustainability  
framework

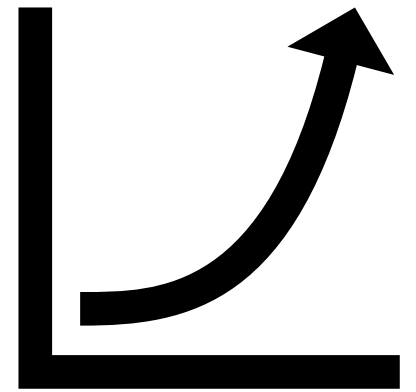
Digital tools

Co-creation  
with end  
users

**TRL4-5 >>>> TRL 7-8**

# Objectives of the Algae Accelerator

- Engage algae innovators who can help speed up market uptake of APB products
- Boost the EU algae industry by supporting start-ups & SMEs addressing industry needs
- Match innovators with mentors who can support business or technical development



# FSTP Mentorship Opportunity

Support per Project	Programme Phases
<p><b>Total:</b> €200.000 over two open calls</p> <p><b>Per Project:</b> €10.000 for expertise to be awarded as <b>innovation vouchers</b></p> <p>Each open call will select up to <b>10</b> projects</p>	<p><b>Two</b> mentoring <u>programmes</u> will be implemented, in 2024-25 and 2025-26</p> <p><b>Total:</b> 6 months (per programme) divided into <b>3 SPRINTS:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• SPRINT 1 – 2 months</li><li>• SPRINT 2 – 2 months</li><li>• SPRINT 3 – 2 months</li></ul>





## Industry Specific Challenges

**Large-Scale Cultivation**

**Sustainable Packaging**

**Quality Standards**

**AI-Based Solutions**

## Techno-Economy Challenges

**Innovative Technological Solutions**

**Environmental and Sustainability Challenges**



## Algae Accelerator OC2 Innovation Challenges

## Marketing Challenges

**Market Growth**

**Consumer Acceptance**

**Market Studies**

## Business Challenges

**Economic Attractiveness**

**Scaling Up**



# Applications for OC2 are opening soon - apply to become a **mentee** or a **mentor**!



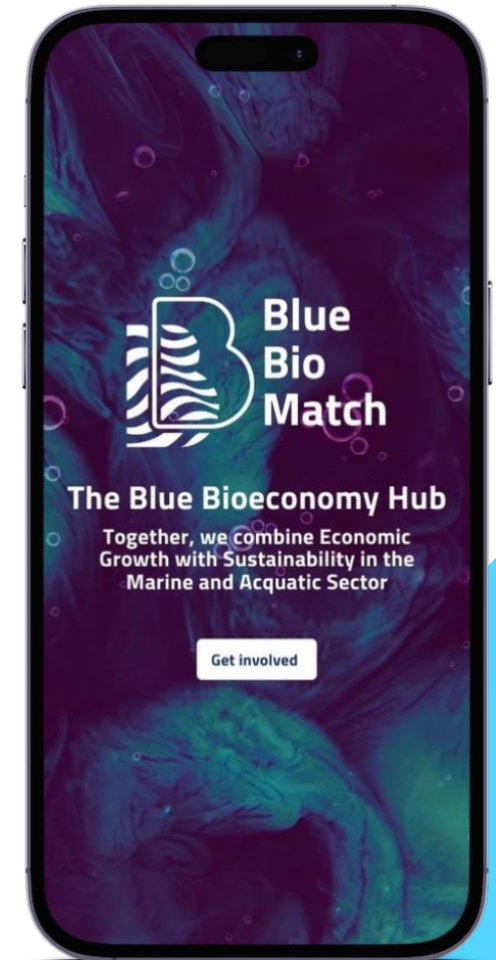
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