

"Phycomorph European Guidelines for a sustainable seaweeds aquaculture – PEGASUS"

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Room ASP 3H1

Seaweeds are increasingly used as a source of food or for the production of cosmetics, medicines and fertilisers. Worldwide the annual production increase of about 7 per cent. The demands for high-value seaweed-derived compounds is increasing in Europe and importation is high. However, Europe lags behind Asian countries despite its largest exclusive economic zone, its high seaweed biodiversity, and its international leadership in fundamental research on macroalgae. A working group of the COST Action FA1406 PHYCOMORPH will publish soon the PEGASUS guidelines (technical document) that propose balanced and long-term recommendations based on a detailed analysis of current seaweed aquaculture practices, regulations, health benefits and consumer demands, with a focus on the protection of the marine environment.

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10:00 - 10:10 Welcome

Mr Ricardo SERRÃO SANTOS, MEP, Vice-President in charge of Marine Knowledge of the European Parliament Intergroup Seas, Rivers, Islands and Coastal Areas (Searica)

10:10 - 10:30 Setting the Scene

Michèle Barbier, Bénédicte Charrier & Ioanna Stavridou- Presentation of the project and the final report with the guidelines

10:30 - 11:00 Panel 1 - Stakeholders

Moderated by xx, MEP/specialist, Member of the Searica Intergroup

Frank Neumann, Seaweed Energy Solutions, implemented in Norway & Portugal

Trond Helgerud, Dupont nutrition and health

Marc-Phillip Buckhout, Aquaculture Policy Officer at Seas at risk

INTERGROUP SEAS, RIVERS, ISLANDS AND COASTAL AREAS



11:00 - 11:30 Panel 2 - Governance and legal framework

Introduced and moderated by **Inger Melander**, Commercial Manager on Aquaculture Stewardship Council (ASC)

Valentina Mabilia, DG MARE

Rafael Perez-Berbejal, DG SANTÉ

Rita Araujo, EC JRC ISPRA,

11:30 - 11:50 Discussion and Q&A

Moderated by **Mr Ricardo SERRÃO SANTOS**, MEP, Searica Vice-President

11:50 - 12:00 Conclusion

Ms Gesine MEISSNER, MEP, President of Searica

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