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ENHANCE MICROALGAE

High-added value industrial opportunities for microalgae in the Atlantic Area







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Business2Sea 2019 Fórum Do Mar, Porto, Portugal

On November 12th 2019, the EnhanceMicroAlgae project coordinators at <u>ANFACO-CECOPESCA</u>, together with the coordinators of the <u>European</u> <u>Blue BioBank</u> (EBB) project at Universida de Vigo, participated in the <u>Business2Sea Forum</u> (Porto, Portugal from 11-13 November 2019) where they delivered the workshop: *Fostering Development* of Microalgal-based industries – Legal and practical aspects.



The Business2Sea forum is an international event that focuses on promoting a marine-based economy and brings together individuals. organisations, research and centres, anv stakeholder with an interest in the activities of the sea. The EnhanceMicroAlgae (EMA) project aims to contribute to the competitiveness of microalgae-based industries in the Atlantic area countries, whereas the European Blue Biobank (EBB) project aims to facilitate sustainable access marine biodiversity and to incentivize to conservation. The combined biodiversity participation of the EMA and EBB projects was thus of high relevance and contributed substantially to the forum's objectives by stimulating the growth of the microalgae sector.



The workshop was a perfect platform to provide legal and practical advice on two aspects related to microalgae exploitation: i) the <u>Nagoya</u> <u>Protocol</u>, a transparent legal framework for the fair and equitable sharing of benefits arising from the use of genetic resources; and ii) commercialisation routes as experienced by the entrepreneur perspective.

The EnhanceMicroAlgae delegation was conformed by Dr. María José Chapela Garrido and Dr. Martiña Ferreira Novio (from ANFACO-CECOPESCA), and M.Sc. Diogo Cruz (from <u>CIIMAR</u>). See below some pictures from the event.





Associação Portuguesa de Algologia Aplicada (APAA) Conference

EnhanceMicroAlgae was present at the Associação Portuguesa de Algologia Aplicada (APAA) Conference held CIIMAR at (Interdisciplinary Centre Marine of and Environmental Research of the University of Porto) October 21-22, on 2019. EnhanceMicroAlgae is one of various projects based at the LEGE Culture Collection from CIIMAR and the conference offered an opportunity to disseminate the project's aims and latest outputs.





EnhanceMicroAlgae at Marrakech University

October 2019. M.Sc. On Diogo Cruz from FCUP/ CIIMAR visited Marrakech University, where he represented Morocco, the EnhanceMicroAlgae Project. In a seminar directed to university students, Diogo had the opportunity to present the EnhanceMicroAlgae project and talk abut the implications of the Nagova Protocol in biodiversity and biotechnology studies.



3rd Lisbon Microalgae Biotechnology Advanced Course

The third edition of the Lisbon Microalgae Biotechnology Advanced course took place 17-22 November 2019. The course was organised by EnhanceMicroAlgae's associated partner <u>Algae4Future</u>, an R&D algae-focused biotechnology company. Course attendees had the opportunity to pay a visit to <u>ALGATEC</u>, a multitechnology production site that welcomes algaebased companies and entrepreneurial projects.



Upcoming Conferences & workshops

AlgaEurope | 03-05 December, 2019 | Paris, France (on-going) 7th Conference of the International Society for Applied Phycology (ISAP) | 19-24 April, 2020 | Makuhari Messe, Chiba, Japan 28th European Biomass Conference & Exhibition – Transition to a Bioeconomy | 27-30 April, 2020 | Marseille, France 10th European Algae Industry Summit | 29-30 April, 2020 | Reykjavik, Iceland 10th International Conference on Algal Biomass, Biofuels and Bioproducts | 14-17 June, 2020 | Pittsburgh, USA 2nd Seaweed for Health Conference | 21-24 June 2020 | Galicia, Spain International Conference on Algal Biotechnology 22-23 June, 2020 | Venice, Italy 14th World Congresss on Biofuels and Bioenergy | 21-22 September 2020 | Rome, Italy

A conference by EnhanceMicroAlgae will take place next 17-18 June 2020 at The University of Manchester, Manchester, UK. More details will be available soon, so keep an eye out on our website and social media pages!

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