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## Newsletter June 2018

Dear readers,

We are very happy to announce that we are currently updating SUBMARINER's communication strategy and introducing changes to the newsletter. From now on, we will be busy collecting important news and events from the whole community to send you a monthly newsletter.

This month, we have great list of news and events to share, among them the **Baltic Blue Biotechnology Alliance conference** on 22-24 August and the final MUSES (Multi-Uses of Sea) conference on 10. October 2018.

We are also thrilled that our first project application of this year has been accepted! The Blue Platform project, funded by BSR INTERREG, will capitalise on the results of many regular blue bioeconomy projects to the benefit for more end-users in the Baltic Sea Region and beyond.

Read more about this as well as other interesting news and events below.

The SUBMARINER Network team



### Register for the Baltic Blue Biotechnology Alliance Conference in Greifswald: 22-24 August '18!

Latest results in basic and applied science and successful cases of economic implementation will be presented.

Become part of these thematic discussions:

- Industrial applications of marine organisms and biomass
- Marine biomass production technology
- Secondary metabolites and bioactive enzymes
- Marine biotechnology networks and business development
- Legal aspects and patenting

Up to 120 scientists, entrepreneurs and stakeholders from the public and the private sector will attend. NO registration fee for your participation!

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HELCOM presented the '2018 State of the Baltic Sea report' at the 9th Annual Forum of the



### Future of the Gulf of Bothnia seminar 18-19 September '18 in Vaasa, Finland: registration open!

Gulf of Bothnia is suffering from conflicting pressures caused by environmental shifts and eutrophication. Yet, efficient planning might mitigate these effects and maintain the good environmental status of the Gulf. STN-funded SmartSea project is organizing a two-day seminar and workshop to address the issues of blue growth, maritime spatial planning and environmental change of the Gulf.

Angela Schultz-Zehden, Managing Director of the Submariner Network EEIG, will be one of the key-note speakers reflecting on the latest results of the MUSES project with a focus on the BSR.

Please register for the seminar [here](#).

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SAVE THE DATE - MUSES Project Final conference: 10 October '18 in Brussels, Belgium

## EUSBSR in Tallinn on 4 – 5 June '18

At the EUSBSR Annual Forum, HELCOM presented the 2018 State of the Baltic Sea report, stressing that the current reduction of pressures on the sea isn't sufficient. As a consequence, the HELCOM Ministerial meeting decided that the HELCOM Baltic Sea Action Plan will be updated and continued past 2021 – an important decision for the Submariner Network.

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## Blue Platform project funded by Baltic Sea Region INTERREG programme

The first project developed and submitted by the SUBMARINER Network EEIG has just been accepted! The Blue Platform project is a 3-year project that aims to capitalise on existing projects' results and products. Each project partner is representing one regular transnational "blue bioeconomy" project from the Baltic Sea Region (BSR).

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## FUCOIDAN - The ingredient for medical and cosmetic applications?

FucoSan is a 3-year research project funded by Interreg Germany-Denmark programme. It's main aim is to assess the potential of producing and using Fucoidans, an extract from the brown seaweed species Fucus (also known as bladder wrack), for medical and cosmetic applications. FucoSan brings together eight partners from research institutions, the healthcare sector as well as the regional economy and seven network partner organisations.

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## Check out the new vacancies and training opportunities!

The ALLIANCE offer with training opportunities has been updated. Check out the following openings:

- Vacancy: Executive Director of the European Marine Biological Resource Centre
- UGent Blue Growth Summer School 20-21 September 2018

The conference will engage a wide range of interested stakeholders from the business community, public administrations and academia. The aim is to present the EU-wide Multi-Use Action Plan that addresses a variety of multi-use combinations including offshore wind farms combined with the wave technology or different types of aquaculture, but also some 'softer' approaches to multi-use such as underwater cultural heritage in combination with tourism or 'pescaturism'.

To register your interest to attend or present your multi-use case or perspective at the conference, please get in touch with MUSES secretariat at: [ms.musesproject@gov.scot](mailto:ms.musesproject@gov.scot)

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## Stakeholders meet up to discuss mussel farming and the licensing process in the Baltic Sea

In a series of stakeholder meetings in the framework of the Baltic Blue Growth Project, Kalmar County Administrative Board organized a meeting to discuss permits and licensing procedures for Swedish mussel farmers. The goal is to create a digital guide for authorities and future practitioners on the east coast of Sweden.

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## Learn more about the results of the Blue Bioeconomy Conference in Malmö

Submariner Network attended the 2 day conference in South Sweden on 29-30 May 2018. The conference focused on blue products and services developed in a sustainable way. One of the new aspects discussed was the impact of digitalization on the blue bioeconomy. Digitalization can contribute successfully to developing the blue bioeconomy, for example, the fish industry.

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## Baltic red algae - a special ingredient in a new FACIAL CREAM product, successfully introduced to the Estonian market

Red algae growing in the Baltic Sea is the

- Postdoctoral researcher: novel methods for the management of threatened fish populations
- Postdoctoral researcher, Societal challenges in fisheries
- Postdoctoral researcher, Valorization of natural ingredients in food, nutraceutical and cosmetic products

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special ingredient in facial creams from the Estonian cosmetics line Berrichi. What's more, it's the first product developed with the support of the Interreg-funded expert network ALLIANCE. The ALLIANCE is a European cooperation project and a flagship of the EU Strategy of the Baltic Sea Region. It brings together blue biotechnology actors from around the Baltic Sea to create new products and services.

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## Upcoming events

**Baltic Blue Biotechnology Alliance Conference** , 22-24 August 2018, Greifswald, Germany.

The conference is part of the project „Baltic Blue Biotechnology Alliance“, funded by EU INTERREG BSR. The initiative represents a step forward in the implementation of the BLUE GROWTH strategy of the European Union. Up to 120 scientists, entrepreneurs and stakeholders from the public and the private sector will attend. There is NO registration fee for your participation.

**Algae Tech Conference**, 19-20 September 2018, Munich, Germany.

It will bring together major stakeholders in order to highlight the latest technical and commercial issues. Join the discussions on algae cultivation, harvesting and applications for various industries.

**Danish Bioeconomy Conference**, 27 September 2018, in Sakskøbing, Denmark.

Save the date! The annual Danish Bioeconomy conference will take place in Sakskøbing Sugar factory. The conference is co-organised by Bioøkonomisk Vækstcenter of Guldborgsund municipality, Orbicon and the Agro business Park (INBIOM). The one day event (in Danish) will host speakers from the academia and the industry working with renewable resources, biomass refining, biobased products and bioeconomy. Please see the invitation flyer of the event [here](#).

**Biomarine Business Convention and My Blue City**, two sister events, 2-4 October 2018, Cascais, Portugal.

The event is ideal for blue bioentrepreneurs and business support organisations, but also relevant to universities, research institutes and authorities interested in applied sciences and technological innovations in the blue biotech sectors.

The event is a fully-fledged blue bio-business convention, mounted with 1-to-1 pre-scheduled meetings, networking lunches, more than 14 business-oriented workshops, a TV station for company presentations and interactive debates, pitching events against investors, discussions on business support and innovation and so so much more!

More than 300 CEOs and investors are expected at the event.

**Sea Tech Week**, 8-12 October, Brest, France

Sea Tech Week will attract thousand participants, researchers, industrialists and decision-makers, and provide a unique opportunity to develop business relationships and scientific collaborations. This year, the main theme is marine bioresources, covering a broad range of topics from resource characterisation and production to economic development. The objective: to highlight all the latest technologies on offer in these different fields of application.

**ALGAEUROPE 2018 International Conference**, 4-6 December 2018, Amsterdam, the Netherlands.

The conference offers an unique opportunity for the exchange between academia and industry. The conference will be established in a networking based environment that allows for discussions on the evolution of the Algae Biomass sector worldwide to understand the role of the main European Players.

Please visit our website for more upcoming events <https://www.submariner-network.eu/events>

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