

FLEMISH ALGAE PLATFORM (VLAAMS ALGENPLATFORM)

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Microalgae are photosynthetic microorganisms that abound in the world's oceans, rivers and lakes. These algae offer many new opportunities. Applications of microalgae cover a broad spectrum, including the food and (livestock) feed industries, chemicals, bioenergy, cosmetics, healthcare and environmental restoration or protection. These applications also come with many challenges to produce sustainably on large scale. The goal of the Flemish Algae Platform project is to create a **network** linking Flemish organisations (companies, research institutions and associations) that currently have activities concerning microalgae or that have plans to do so in the future. This network will **facilitate** and encourage the embedding of existing algae activities and the development of new microalgae related business activities.

Activities which will be carried out in this project aim to **map, inform and motivate** the various actors in the algae value chain and support them with the implementation of their innovation process. The Flemish Algae Platform will also **identify and resolve collective needs of technological, economic and regulatory nature**, creating a favorable environment for the development of a Flemish microalgae economy. In the field of microalgae there is a strong need for such a project because of the strategic importance and the early development stage of most of the activities and collaborations.

The Flemish Algae Platform is open for all stakeholders active or interested in algae. More information about membership can be found on our website: www.vlaamsalgenplatform.be.