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Press Release

Seagriculture EU 2026 to Take Place in Gothenburg, Featuring Exclusive Site Visit to Nordic SeaFarm

Seagriculture EU 2026, one of Europe's leading conferences for the seaweed industry, will be held in **Gothenburg, Sweden, from 16 - 18 June 2026**. The 2026 edition promises a dynamic program, featuring an **exclusive site visit to Nordic SeaFarm** on 16 June 2026 - offering participants a behind-the-scenes look at one of Europe's most innovative seaweed hatchery, cultivation and processing facilities.

Nordic SeaFarm is the official site visit sponsor of Seagriculture EU 2026.

The site visit will include a full-day experience:

- A boat tour to Nordic SeaFarm's cultivation site in the scenic Grebbestad archipelago
- A visit to the company's hatchery/processing facilities in Strömstad
- A stop at Tjärnö Marine Laboratory to get insights from the University of Gothenburg's Department of Marine Sciences on their current seaweed research

Founded in 2016, **Nordic SeaFarm** has been a pioneer in making European seaweed accessible to industries at scale. With research and innovation at its core, the company has led multiple EU-funded projects and continues to develop new sustainable hatchery, processing and farming methods that redefine the future of ocean-based production.

Conference Theme: The European Seaweed Industry in Transition – Survival, Scale, and Real Impact

The European seaweed industry stands at a pivotal crossroads. On one side lies the challenge of survival in a rapidly shifting landscape shaped by evolving markets, tightening regulations, and the realities of climate change. On the other side lies the opportunity to scale sustainably - unlocking the industry's true potential and creating meaningful, lasting impact.

Seagriculture EU 2026 will explore how the sector can navigate the path from promise to practice: addressing barriers to growth, fostering innovation, and shaping a resilient seaweed economy that delivers value to people, planet, and industry alike.

Conference Sessions

This year's program will feature a comprehensive lineup of sessions tackling the most pressing topics in the sector:

1. **The European Seaweed Industry in Transition: Survival, Scale, and Real Impact**
   How businesses and researchers can move from potential to real, lasting change.
2. **Biostimulants and Biomaterials: Hype or Hoax?**
   Examining the science, market drivers, and sustainability of seaweed-based biostimulants and biomaterials.
3. **Panel Discussion: Today's Financial Needs for the Maturing European Seaweed Industry**
   Exploring investment trends, offtaker platforms, and financing models for sustainable growth.
4. **Epic Fails and Honest Tales: Mistakes That Made Us**
   Entrepreneurs and researchers share candid lessons from challenges and failures.
5. **Professionalizing the Seaweed Industry: Learning from Pioneers**
   Insights from leaders inside and outside the sector on building scalable, credible enterprises.
6. **Overview of Seaweed Projects in the EU**
   A look at key European initiatives driving innovation and collaboration in seaweed.
7. **Seaweeds for Value: Carbon Capture, Biodiversity, and Beyond**
   How seaweeds contribute to ecosystem restoration, carbon capture, and circular innovation.
8. **Seaweed Elevator Pitches:** Fast-paced, 5-minute presentations showcasing innovative projects and ideas from across the global seaweed community.

Beyond the Conference Program: Networking Opportunities

- **Trade Show:** Companies are invited to present their products, services, and technologies to industry peers and potential partners.
- **Poster Presentations:** Researchers are welcome to showcase their latest findings and ongoing projects.
- **Conference Dinner at Feskekörka:** Experience Gothenburg's iconic "Fish Church" - a historic seafood market turned culinary landmark. Participants will enjoy an evening celebrating the region's maritime heritage and world-class cuisine in this beautifully restored venue.

Call for Speakers Now Open

Industry experts, researchers, and innovators are invited to submit their proposals to speak at **Seagriculture EU 2026**. This is a unique opportunity to share insights, showcase research, and shape the dialogue driving Europe's seaweed future.

For more information, registration, speaker applications, and sponsorship opportunities, visit **www.seagriculture.eu**.

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