Decades of unsustainable overfishing practices are depleting aquatic ecosystems at a time when nearly one-fifth of all animal protein consumed by humans comes from seafood, reason why aquaculture has gained traction over wild fisheries. To ensure the future viability of the sector and to unlock its potential
to provide food with a lower carbon footprint, it is imperative to improve current technologies and management strategies. This is especially relevant for the EU sector, where 70\% of consumed seafood is imported and the production is concentrated both in terms of countries and farmed species.

INNOAQUA's main objective is to pave the path towards the upcoming sustainable and diversified EU land-based aquaculture industry by leaning on the demonstration and mainstreaming of innovative algae-based food and solutions, using ecology, circularity and digitalization approaches.

The INNOAQUA consortium consists of a multidisciplinary and powerful combination of research organisations and universities, associations and companies (nine small and medium enterprises and two large industries) from eight countries with complementary knowledge and skills required for the successful implementation of the project objectives.

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