

JOINT
DISSEMINATION
WORKSHOP

AGENDA

Harnessing the Blue

Innovative Approaches to Marine Biomass
and Bioactives

16 October
2026

NMK – Ålesund
and online

- 09:00 – 16:00
- Hosted by Møreforskning
- Results from BLUES & CIRCALGAE



- 09:00** **Opening**
Møreforsking — M. Atanassova & Linn Kristin Akslen-Hoel · 5–10 min
The two projects behind the results
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- 30 min** **CIRCALGAE—Dr. Amparo Quero, Chalmers University, Sweden (online) · BLUES — Dr. Affif Grazette (in person) · 15 min each**
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- 30 min** **Local innovation in the room**
Short presentations from ÅKP and interested local companies · 5 min each
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- 10 min** **COFFEE BREAK**

SESSION 1 Animal-free testing of novel products for human applications — precision and sustainability challenges

- 01** **Evaluation of the functionality of seaweed components for inclusion in cosmetic products — efficient models and sensory studies**
Dr. Jennifer Mildenberger & Dr. Marianne Dore Hansen
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- 02** **Marine invertebrates as a source of extracts with anticancer activity**
Davey Essers & MATÍS
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- 03** **Cell lines from sea cucumbers as novel bioactive factories**
Dr. Beate Julie Thu / Dr. Maria Brandal Berstad, Møreforsking
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- 04** **Development of cell cultures from marine sponges as novel resources for the production of bioactive compounds**
Prof. Shirley Pomponi, Wageningen University & Research
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- 1 hour** **LUNCH BREAK**

SESSION 2 Novel biomaterials of marine origin as support for the development of in vitro cell models

- 01** **Marine-origin materials for the development of templates for 3D cell culture**
Dr. Tiago Silva, University of Minho, Portugal
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- 02** **Sea cucumber peptides for species-specific 3D culture scaffolds — recent advances**
Dr. Miroslava Atanassova, Møreforsking
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- 03** **Marine sponge-derived polymers as biomaterials for advanced in vitro models**
Dr. Marina Pozzolini, University of Genova, Italy
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- 04** **Dynamic bioreactor systems for the development of 3D marine invertebrate cell cultures** Federica Liguori, R&D Engineer, CELLEX
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- 10–15 min** **Closing comments**
Estimated end of the event by 16:00