

This conference is all about Scaling up ocean action based on science and innovation for the implementation of Goal 14....

and when we look at the ocean....we are overwhelmed by it, by its magnificent life forms, but also by its diversity....and is this diversity that allow us to haveHundreds of new compounds from the marine realm that are being discovered every year demonstrating the innovative nature and potential of the blue bio sector...while new technologies are being researched to increase the quality and reliability of these compounds....(Pausa)....for the first time... as a societywe have the chance of decoupling our commodities production from the massive extraction and carbon consumption.

..and here in Portugal we are prepared for this evolution...or revolution...we had trained our human resources, optimized our research institutions and primed the collaborative models between them...making Portugal one of the front runners in the blue biotech field...to fully potentiate the diversity you can find in our ocean...

At Blue bio Allience...we believe that we have a coordinated structure based on 3 pillars

- Research institutions – with highly skilled human resources
- A growing and energetic start up community, that is translating knowledge from research and monetizing it, together with a growing number of dedicated investors that are attracted by this dynamic
- Corporates from very different sectors, looking into the blue biotech as a way to add value to their products, even from some of the most traditional sector is Portugal

To this we can add initiatives like the Blue Bio Value – a dedicated accelerator for start ups in the blue bio economy – gathering in Portugal the most promising ones or the

Growing protection of marine areas – making sure the ecosystems perdure to sustain in time

So the way we see itPortugal is facing the perfect storm ...with a cooperation model....coordinated by several entities like Blue bio alliance that knows the players and connect the dots for top valorization of the value chains...while preserving the ocean...presenting this small country in size but with a huge ocean and impressive people...as with a massive potential to be the blue hub for innovation and sustainability

This is a model we believe can replicated in countries to which Portugal has strong connection and to which we were always linked by the ocean, countries which ocean is so rich as ours...so...count with us ...blue bio alliance...for this evolution...or revolution.... With our start ups....and ecosystem.

Thank you