

300.000€ available to develop the insects for feed sector

6 January 2022, Brussels — After launching two calls for interest to boost edible insects businesses, ValuSect offers now an opportunity for the insects as feed sector. On 17 January, the consortium will launch a call for interest to receive vouchers for SMEs working with insects for feed.

The global insect feed market has a great potential to provide sustainable proteins to feed the world's growing population. The sector was estimated at \in 133 million in 2020 and is expected to reach \in 736.7 million by the end of 2026*. ValuSect will support the growth of the sector in North-West Europe by developing the knowledge around insects as feed and transferring it to SMEs in the region.

The consortium will do so by launching a new call for interest to receive vouchers, only open to SMEs in the insects for feed sector. Interested applicants can apply for a voucher to get services worth $\in 10k$, $\in 20k$ or $\in 40k$ from ValuSect partners. In total, a budget of $300.000 \in$ is available for this call.

The menu of services includes various categories along the value chain: technological services, food development and innovation, marketing and communication and strategic business services, all related to insect-based feed products. **The menu of services and the application form will be available on 17 January** on <u>our website</u>.

The call is open to SMEs located in <u>North-West Europe</u> developing insect-based feed products which have an innovative idea for the development of the sector in Europe. Activities related to 4 insect species only will be supported: grasshoppers, crickets, mealworms and black soldier flies (*Locusta migratoria, Acheta domesticus, Tenebrio molitor* and *Hermetia illucens*).

Join our virtual information session on January 11

Don't miss this opportunity to get more information on our call! Our webinar will be organised on Tuesday 11 January from 9:30 am to 10:30 am CET (8:30 am to 9:30 am UTC) to bring more precision on this call for interest. The procedure will be thoroughly explained: objectives, application process, quick look at the guide to services... A Q&A session will follow the presentations.

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How to apply?

Applicants will be asked to submit a form providing general information about their company and their innovative idea in the insects as feed sector by **21 February 2022**. The ValuSect consortium will send its answer to all applicants by **the end of April 2022**.

* Global Insect Feed Market Research Report 2020



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What is ValuSect?

ValuSect is a project funded by Interreg North-West Europe (European Region Development Fund). The ValuSect consortium will improve the sustainable production and processing techniques of insect-based food and feed products and transfer developed knowledge to agri-food businesses in North-West Europe.

