

## 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.

