

ValuSect launches its call to support the insects for feed sector

17 January 2022, Brussels — The ValuSect consortium launches today its call for interest for the insects for feed sector. SMEs located in North-West Europe can apply for a voucher worth up to €40k in services provided by ValuSect partners. In total, €300.000 are available to help the development of the sector.

Insects are a sustainable source of protein which can be fed to many animal species: fish, poultry, pigs, dogs, reptiles... The ValuSect project aims at supporting the development of this growing sector, by transferring its knowledge to SMEs, a.o through this vouchers call.

SMEs in the insects for feed sector developing an innovative idea in a technological, food development, marketing, communication and/or strategic area, can now submit their application to receive a voucher. The consortium proposes various services to help SMEs, such as establishing a comprehensive lipid and fatty acid profiling of a product, researching market opportunities or testing different side streams as a feed for insects. Once a SME is chosen, it will get support from one or more of ValuSect's partners to develop the submitted innovative idea.

What are the criteria to apply?

- To be a SME developing insects for feed products
- Located in North-West Europe (see country list here)
- To present an innovative idea for the development of the insect-based feed sector.
- Activities related to four insect species only are supported: grasshoppers, crickets, mealworms and black soldier flies (*Locusta migratoria*, *Acheta domesticus*, *Tenebrio molitor* and *Hermetia illucens*). Other species will not be accepted, because they are out of the scope of the project.

How to apply?

- 1) Go to our website: <https://www.nweurope.eu/projects/project-search/valusect/#tab-7>
- 2) Fill in the application form by providing general information about your company and your innovative idea in the insects as feed sector
- 3) Fill in the SME declaration form and the De minimis self declaration
- 4) Send these 3 documents by **21 February 2022** to valusect@thomasmore.be

The ValuSect consortium will send its answer to all applicants by **the end of April 2022**.

The list of services, the application form, and the explanations on the vouchers selection are available [on our website](#).



VOUCHERS CALL

Grab this opportunity to boost your insects for feed SME

DEADLINE: 21 February

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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.



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