

€460.000 euros attributed to help 18 SMEs with their edible insect business

22 April 2022, Brussels — The ValuSect consortium is glad to announce the attribution of €460.000 worth of services to 18 SMEs to boost their edible insect business. The selected SMEs will get help from our expert partners to develop their innovative idea, which will participate in improving insect production as well as consumer acceptance in North-West Europe.

After [the success of its first call for interest last year](#), the Interreg NWE project ValuSect had launched a second call on 6 December 2021. It also generated a great enthusiasm among edible insect SMEs, as in total, 26 applications were received, coming from 24 different applicants.

"We are very happy to see a lot of interest coming from SMEs to receive our services. The growing sector of insect-based food has so much potential and we are glad to empower its development", highlights Sabine van Miert, Project Leader, Thomas More University of Applied Sciences.

The ValuSect experts evaluated the applications and chose the 18 cases with the highest ranking. Each selected SME will receive services from ValuSect partners worth €10.000, €20.000 or €40.000, depending on the type of requested service.

The cases cover a broad range of topics, from developing a feeding substrate or a new fresh product to gaining knowledge on consumers' tastes. Five selected SMEs are located in the UK, three in Belgium, Germany and Switzerland, two in France, and one in Ireland and the Netherlands.

Here is the list of the SMEs which will benefit from ValuSect's services:

Selected applicant	Category	Country
Dilepix	Food development and innovation	France
Ensectable	Technological services	Switzerland
Essento food	Technological services	Switzerland
Essento Insect Food	Food development and innovation	Germany
Fricket	Consumer acceptance	Germany
Grikaco (Yuma Food)	Consumer acceptance	Belgium
Inishowen Coop Ltd	Food development and innovation	Ireland
M-Food Natural Ingredients	Food development and innovation	Belgium
Minus Farm	Strategic business services	France
Mr Bug	Technological services	UK

Poseative (Small Giants)	Technological services	UK
Saved Food	Strategic business services	UK
Sibo	Strategic business services	Netherlands
St Hippolyt	Food development and innovation	Germany
Swiss Insects	Food development and innovation	Switzerland
Tor Royal	Food development and innovation	Belgium
Torf Tech Group	Food development and innovation	UK
Yum Bug	Consumer acceptance	UK

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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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