

SEASALT *Europe*

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SEASALT Europe was founded in **June 2023** by a group of visionary sea salt farmers, with the mission of strengthening, protecting, and promoting the sea salt sector in Europe. The association **arose from the need to give voice to a sector deeply connected to the agricultural spirit and pride in its natural spaces, seeking to unify its representation before the European institutions** .





WHO ARE WE?

SEASALT Europe is the **leading European entity** representing the interests of sea salt producers before institutions and society. Its work focuses on **promoting the sustainable development of the sector, preserving the historical and cultural legacy associated with sea salt, and encouraging its responsible use** .

- **Mission:** To represent the interests of the sea salt sector before European institutions, promoting its image, fostering its development, and advocating for its responsible use.
- **Vision / Vision:** To be recognized as the leading European authority in the promotion of sea salt.
- **Values:**
 - *Sustainability* – We are committed to promoting environmentally friendly practices that protect our environment and preserve natural ecosystems for future generations.
 - *Tradition and Heritage* – We honor and safeguard the ancient tradition of sea salt production, ensuring its continuity and relevance in modern society.
 - *Innovation* – We embrace new technologies and ideas to improve our processes, increase sustainability, and address the evolving challenges of the sea salt industry.
 - *Collaboration* – We believe in the power of unity, working together with producers, processors, institutions, and stakeholders to strengthen the production and distribution of sea salt across Europe.
 - *Respect for Nature* – We take pride in the natural environments connected to sea salt production, striving to protect and nurture the delicate ecosystems of salt flats, marshes, and wetlands.





- We are accredited stakeholder organization (ASO) in ECHA:

<https://echa.europa.eu/about-us/partners-and-networks/stakeholders/echas-accredited-stakeholder-organisations>

This membership grants us official status to actively participate in EU decision-making processes related to chemical substance regulation. This is crucial for the sea salt sector, as it allows us to influence regulations affecting sea salt, such as the Biocidal Products Regulation (BPR, Regulation (EU) No 528/2012). By having a direct voice at ECHA, we can defend our members' interests and ensure that regulations are fair, viable, and based on the best available scientific evidence.



- We are members of the Expert Group EU Agri-Food Chain Observatory (E03949):

<https://ec.europa.eu/transparency/expert-groups-register/screen/expert-groups/consult?lang=en&groupID=3949>

Our participation in the EU Agri-Food Chain Observatory Expert Group (E03949) places us at the heart of the debate on the trends and challenges facing the European food sector. This group provides a platform for knowledge sharing, data analysis, and the formulation of policy recommendations. For SEASALT Europe, this means access to up-to-date information on topics such as sustainability, food safety, competitiveness, and the economic and social impact of sea salt production. It also allows us to collaborate with other key actors in the food chain and contribute to the development of policies that promote a more resilient and sustainable sector.





MEMBERS

12 members in 5 European countries

FULL MEMBERS

- ASAL GROUP (Marítima de Sales, SL) – **SPAIN** (SEA SALTWORKS IN CADIZ)
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- HELLENIC SALTWORKS, AE – **GREECE**
Website: <https://saltworks.gr>
- SALINAS DEL ODIEL, SL – **SPAIN** (SEA SALTWORKS IN HUELVA)

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- POLASAL, SA – **SPAIN** (SEA SALTWORKS IN ALICANTE)
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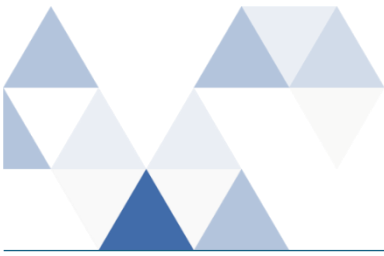
SYMBIOSIS BETWEEN INDUSTRY AND NATURE

SEASALT Europe, in relation to the European Union's **2030 Biodiversity Strategy** , which aims to protect and restore nature, wishes to highlight the **need to recognise Sea Salt Flats as unique coastal ecosystems that contribute to achieving the objectives set out in the European Green Deal** , promoting efficient use of natural resources and contributing to the generation of biodiversity.

Sea salt production contributes to the preservation of native flora and fauna and guarantees biodiversity conservation. Without the work carried out in coastal sea salt pans, these ecosystems would disappear, and the protection they provide to the coast would also be lost. The abandonment of salt pans is considered detrimental to biodiversity and, therefore, further accelerates the loss of natural heritage.

The **avian fauna** of the sea salt marshes is home to iconic specimens such as the flamingo, the gull, the heron, the little thrush, the stilt, and the black-winged stilt. It should not be forgotten that the geographical location of most Spanish sea salt marshes coincides with bird migratory routes, so these wetlands play a key role in preserving biodiversity. These inhabitants are joined by other **aquatic species** , including the brine shrimp (a fish endemic to the Valencian wetlands), the sea bream, the mullet, and crustaceans such as the **brine shrimp** .

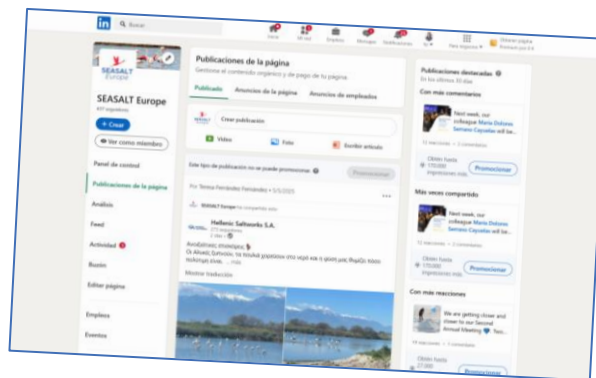




Furthermore, at the microscopic level, **halophilic microalgae and archaea** represent an important part of the biological diversity present in these brackish lagoons.

Many European sea saltworks lack sufficient support from governments and institutions, leading to their vulnerability and, in many cases, their disappearance. Many salt pans are already abandoned, resulting in significant losses, both culturally and ecologically.

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Only those **who come from the sea** have the **right** and the **duty** to speak about **sea salt** .

