SEASALT Europe

The voice of sea salt in 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** .



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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.

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- 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.

- EFSA Stakeholder Community:

  https://www.efsa.europa.eu/sites/default/files/2025-04/members-organisations-sh-community-applications-food-feed-products.pdf

  Being part of EFSA (European Food Safety Authority) stakeholder community for food and feed product applications ensures that sea salt remains a central consideration in EFSA's important discussions and regulatory decisions, underscoring its role in safe and sustainable food systems.This strategic accreditation reinforces SEASALT Europe's commitment to representing and advocating for the interests of the sea salt sector across the European Union.

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- We are members of the EU Blue Economy Observatory — Community of Practice (CoP):

  https://blue-economy-observatory.ec.europa.eu/community-practice-cop_en#composition

  The CoP of the EU Blue Economy Observatory, coordinated by the European Commission's DG MARE and Joint Research Centre, connects us with over 60 experts across 16 EU countries working to strengthen data on the blue economy. It lets us contribute our expertise on sea salt production to this network.

- We are members of the European Blue Forum:

  https://maritime-spatial-planning.ec.europa.eu/european-blue-forum

  The European Blue Forum, the European Commission's platform for stakeholders in the sustainable blue economy, connects us with fisheries, shipping, tourism, and renewable energy actors shaping the future of Europe's seas.

  European Commission

- To Organics:

  https://directory.ifoam.bio/affiliates/8292-seasalt-europe

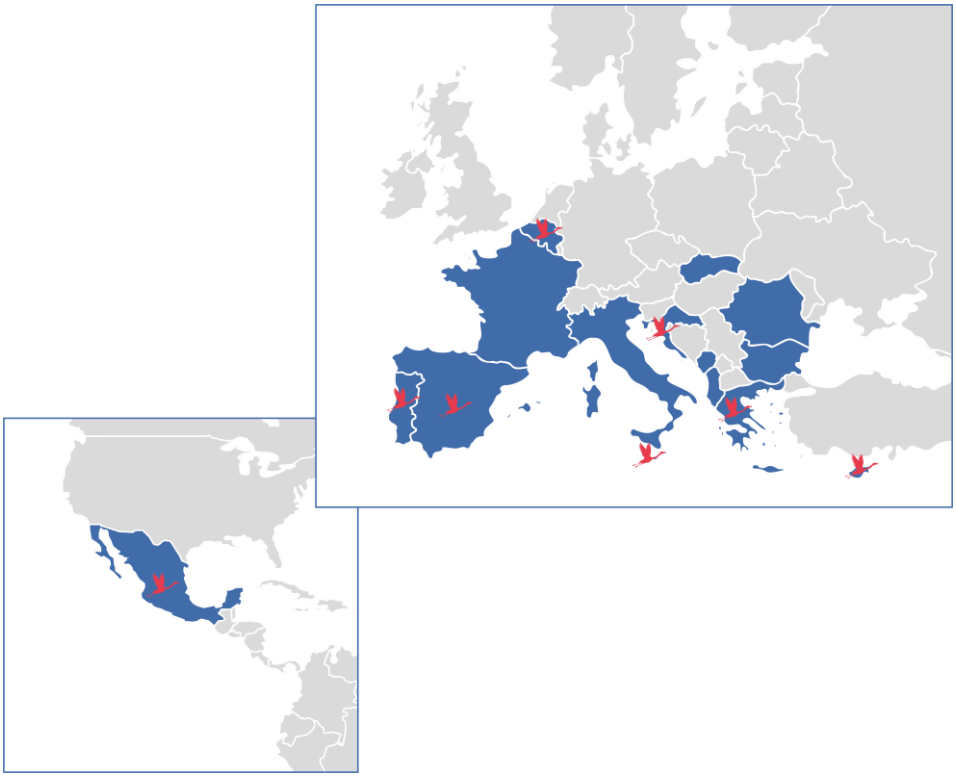
  Our membership in TP Organics, the European Technology Platform for Research & Innovation into Organics and Agroecology, connects us to the EU's research agenda for sustainable, agroecological food systems. It gives us access to funding opportunities and policy developments in organic research, while enabling us to network with over 160 organisations across the organic value chain and help advocate for research priorities that support production methods like ours.

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- Honorary Member 2025: **Rosa María Martínez Espinosa**
  Website: https://cvnet.cpd.ua.es/curriculum-breve/en/martinez-espinosa-rosa-maria/2633


Rosa María Martínez Espinosa

SeaSalt Europe is proud to name Professor Martínez Espinosa and her team at University of Alicante Honorary Member 2025, in recognition of her outstanding scientific contributions and her innovative research on halophilic microorganisms in sea saltworks.

- Honorary Member 2026: **Antonio Escribano Zafra**
  Website: https://www.drantonioescribano.com/


Antonio Escribano Zafra

We honour him in recognition of his professional career, dedicated to promoting healthy eating and healthy lifestyle habits, and his contributions to the biochemical evaluation of salt within human nutrition.

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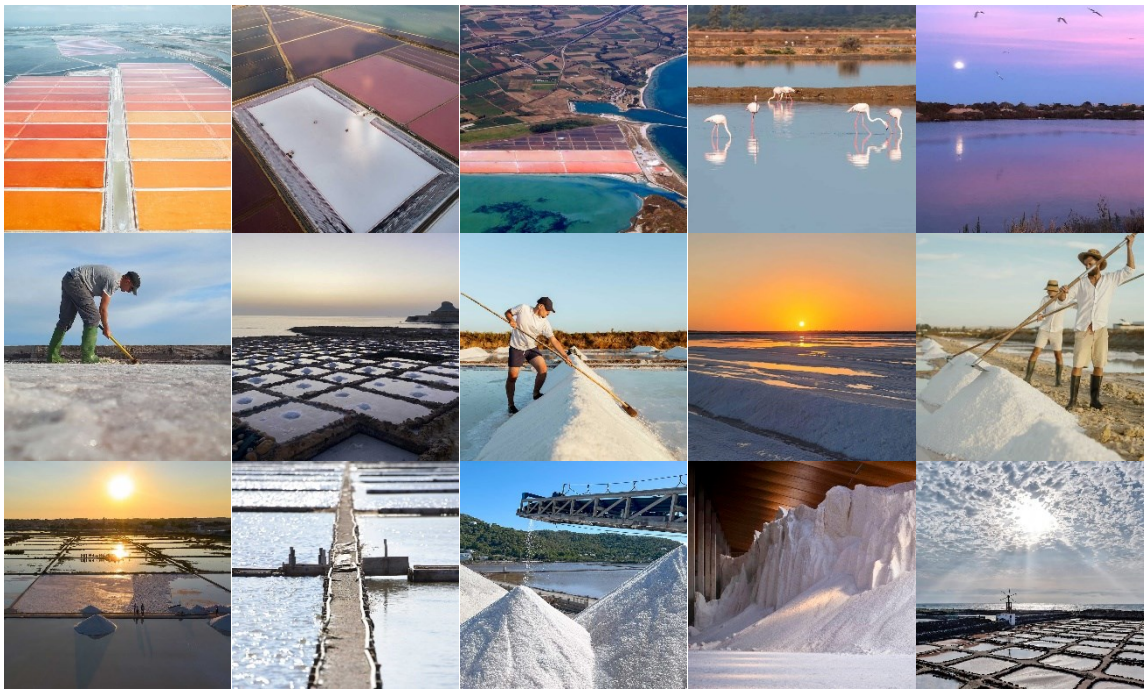
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SYMBIOSIS BETWEEN INDUSTRY AND NATURE

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** .



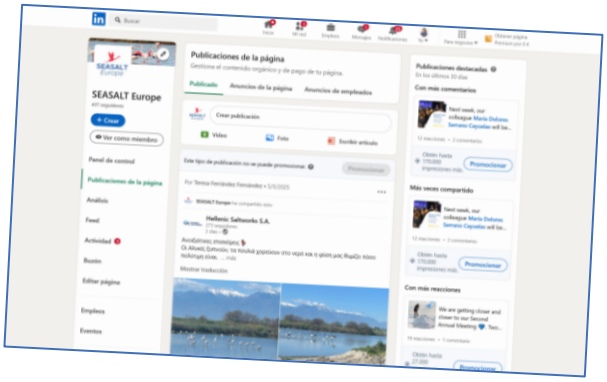
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Furthermore, at the microscopic level, **halophilic microalgae and archaea** represent an important part of the biological diversity present in these brackish lagoons.

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** .



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