# Blue bio-economy in Lithuania

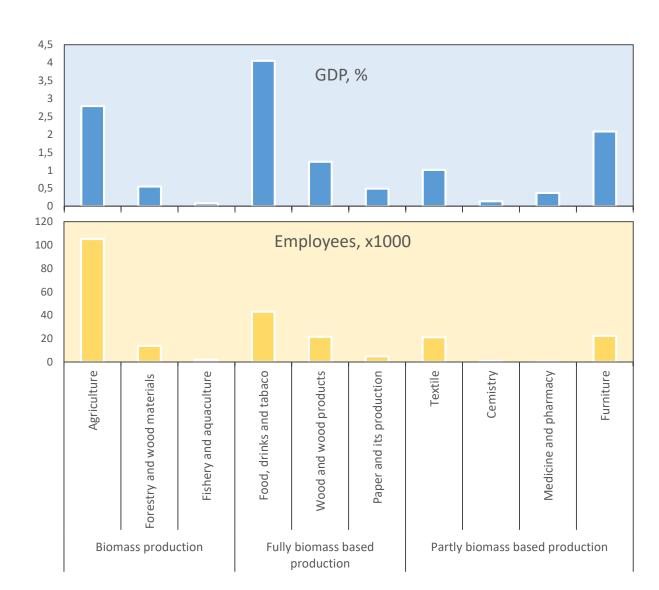
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#### **BIOECONOMY IN LITHUANIA**



- European Bioeconomy Strategy (updated in 2018) → National strategies are adopted by 9 countries (2019 data), mostly western European countries, plus Latvia
  - The Agenda was initiated for the other 11 Mid and East Europe contries to start communication and preparation for National Bioeconomy Strategies
- In Lithuania, bioeconomy is historically very significant sector of economy
- Since the modern state history agriculture and forestry was important part of industry
- Lithuanian Bioeconomy Development Feasibility Study in 2017
  - In 2014 bioeconomy sector created 4,7 billion Eur or 12,8 % of Gross Domestic Product
  - According to 2015 data in the sector worked 234 400 employees or 17,6 % of labour force
  - Lithuanian bioeconomy sector is oriented into export, and according to 2016 data 9,9 bln. Eur or 43,7 % of export constituted bioeconomy production



### **BIOECONOMY IN LITHUANIA: DEVELOPMENT PERSPECTIVES**



#### Most promising and attention requiring fields:

- Developement of Biomass value chain potential
  - Biomaterials export
  - Biomaterials import
  - Use of biowastes
- Ecological and functional food
- Environment-friendly bio-based wood, textile, and chemistry products
- Industrial symbiosis
- Use of biowastes for biogas and biofuel production
- Bioplastics and plastic biodegradation solutions
- Biotechnological tools in bioindustry
  - Molecular biology tools
  - Industrial enzymes
  - Microorganisms
- Other bioeconomy breakthrough directions
  - Artificial intelligence systems
  - Block chain technology



## **BLUE FORWARD STRATEGY FOR KLAIPEDA 2030**





In 2030 Klaipėda will be known as a city of blue growth, and the most attractive place to live, work, make investments and enjoy leisure time in the Baltic sea region.

Klaipėda Bursting with unsaturated potential in bioeconomy



# **BLUE FORWARD STRATEGY FOR KLAIPEDA 2030**

Klaipėda, Globally-acknowledged city of blue economy and fast solutions

Bioeconomics





# **BIOEKONOMIKA**



#2 KRYPTIS



#### BIOEKONOMIKOS **KLASTERIS**

- švariujų technologijų tyrimai ir taikymas, biopro-



#### **MĖLYNOSIOS TECHNOLOGIJOS**



#### **ATSINAUJINANTI ENERGIJA**

Marine economics Growth Integrated complex of the port, logistics and industry Development of LNG

economics

Advanced industrial Creative and service

economics

High public service quality, fast and efficient decision-making

Integrated programme for attracting and servicing investors Developed ecosystem for Small and Medium Enterprises

Talent attraction and retention programme, which ensures a critical mass of highly-qualified employees

Innovative system of education and science, which meets the needs of the future economy

The most international institution of high education in Lithuania, taking the lead in the fields of marine industries, energy and biotechnology

General education system, which meets the needs of local and incoming talents

Developed and innovation-oriented education, science and business cooperation ecosystem

Modern professional retraining and qualification improvement system

Attractive, inclusive and accessible regional centre





Directions

Strategic



# **INNOVATIONS IN ELECTRIC PUBLIC TRANSPORT**



Fully solar powered sustainable catamaran for ridesharing in urban waters.





Dancer is the lightest electric bus in operation. Dancer's fully composite body is made with the significant use of recycled PET plastic.



It is introduced into public transport system of Klaipeda





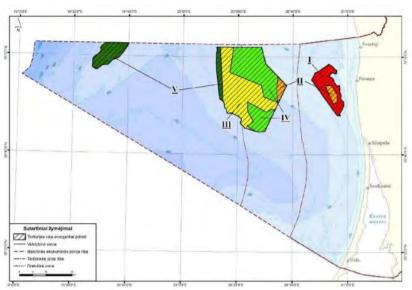


**MARINE ENERGY** 

Longitudinal wave electric power generator (A. Pašilis, patented)







#### **BLUE BIOTECHNOLOGY IN KLAIPEDA UNIVERSITY**



BIOLOGY AND MARINE BIOTECHNOLOGY BACHELOR STUDIES

ECOLOGY AND ENVIRONMENTAL SCIENCES MASTER STUDIES WITH AQUACULTURE PROFILE

#### PHD PROJECTS

Donata Overlingė "Potential

biotechnological exploitation of secondary metabolites produced by cyanobactereae"

Lukas Oliver Ritzenhofen "Mussel

cultivation in the Baltic Sea"

Mirco Haseler "Meso- and microplastic in

the Baltic coastal environment"

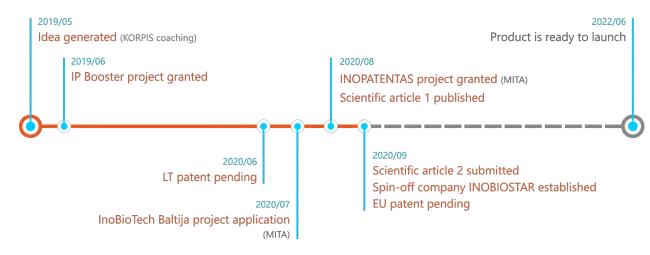


#### **BLUE BIOTECHNOLOGY IN KLAIPEDA UNIVERSITY**



METHOD FOR PETROLEUM HYDROCARBON
BIOREMEDIATION USING FUNGI, EU PATENT PENDING





GREEN ALGAE *HAEMATOCOCCUS PLUVIALIS* GROWTH AND STRESS CONDITIONS OPTIMISATION FOR WATE-BURNING FACTORY





Fungi strain on water agar experiment day T2 and day T8



#### **BLUE BIOTECHNOLOGY IN LITHUANIA**



Lithuanian Biotechnology Association

White and red biotech



 JSC Biomė considers Baltic Sea mollusk shells as an attractive resource for biomedical industry. The main goal is to apply ground mollusk shells for the preparation of 3D polymeric scaffolds for bone tissue engineering in odontology and orthopedics.

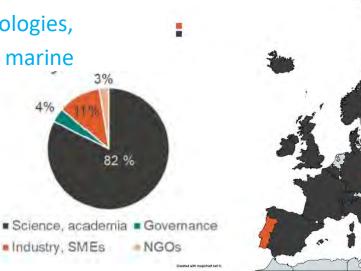
• SME Ekogina and JSC Spila produce different Spirulina cyanobacteria and Chlorela green microalgae based nutraceutical products from imported raw materials



### **COST ACTIVITY Ocean4Biotech**

- Ocean4Biotech

- The overall aim of Ocean4Biotech is to:
- bring together experts in the field of marine biotechnology,
- provide a platform for sharing experience, knowledge and technologies,
- design a roadmap for a more efficient and rapid development of marine biotechnology research in Europe and beyond.
- 28 European countries
- Lihtuanian partners:
  - Life Scences Centre of Vilnius University
  - Biotechnology Institute
  - Marine Research Institute, Klaipėda University





# LITHUANIAN AQUACULTURE

silver carp, tench, catfish, pike, sturgeon, rainbow

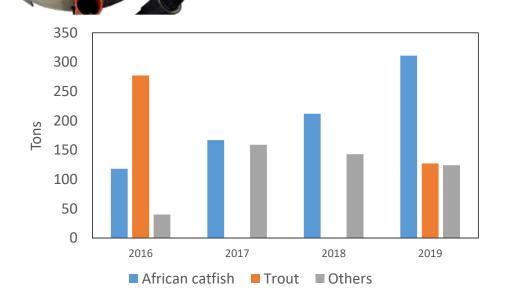
trout, pikeperch

# Pond aquaculture Species: carp, grass carp,

Pond RAS Other Hatcheries

#### RAS aquaculture

Species: rainbow trout,
 African catfish, Arctic charr,
 whiteleg shrimp, eel,
 sturgeon, tilapia





# MARINE AQUACULTURE IN LITHUANIA?



Low salinity for the algae and mussel farming



- Challenges for fish mariculture in Lithuanian marine waters:
  - Exposed coast rough hydrological conditions and short wave period
  - Low salinity
  - Environmental constraints
    - High eutrophication and commitments to Helcom

**Bioinvasions** 

Solution land-based marine aquaculture!



# **INNOVATIVE AQUACULTURE**

### • Marine recirculating aquaculture technologies

- Marine RAS and shrimp pwater for freshwater fish cultivation
- Geothermal water and energy production competences
- Baltic Sea brackish otential in aquaculture



- Effects on fish and functioning of aquaculture systems
- Patocenic microorganisms control efficiency
- Application methodologies

#### Aquaponics

• Developement of integrated multi-trophic system concept (fish, freshwater shrimp and vegetables)



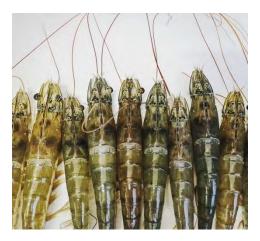












# **COASTAL FISHING TOURISM**

- One of priority sectors of blue economy
  - Extends tourism season
  - Diversify fishery sector and creates sustanable jobs in rural areas
  - Annual growth by 7 %
  - 10 times higher economic effect than traditional fishery







European Regional Development Fund

Coastal angling tourism – a development chance for the south Baltic region

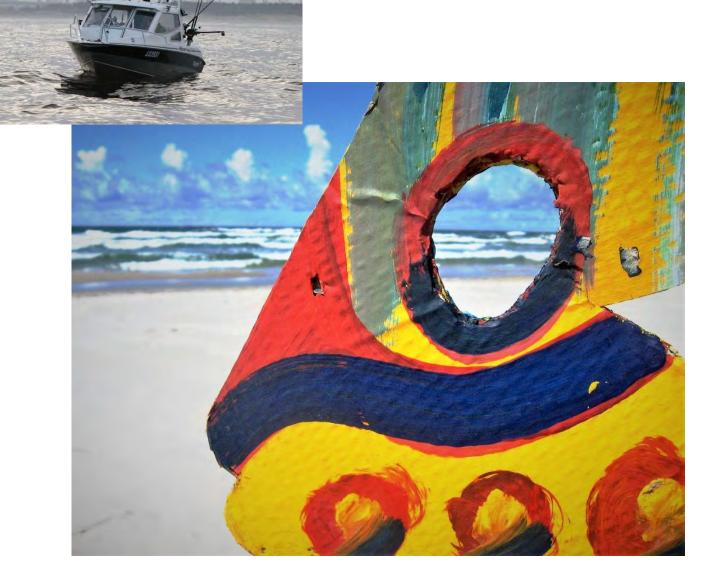


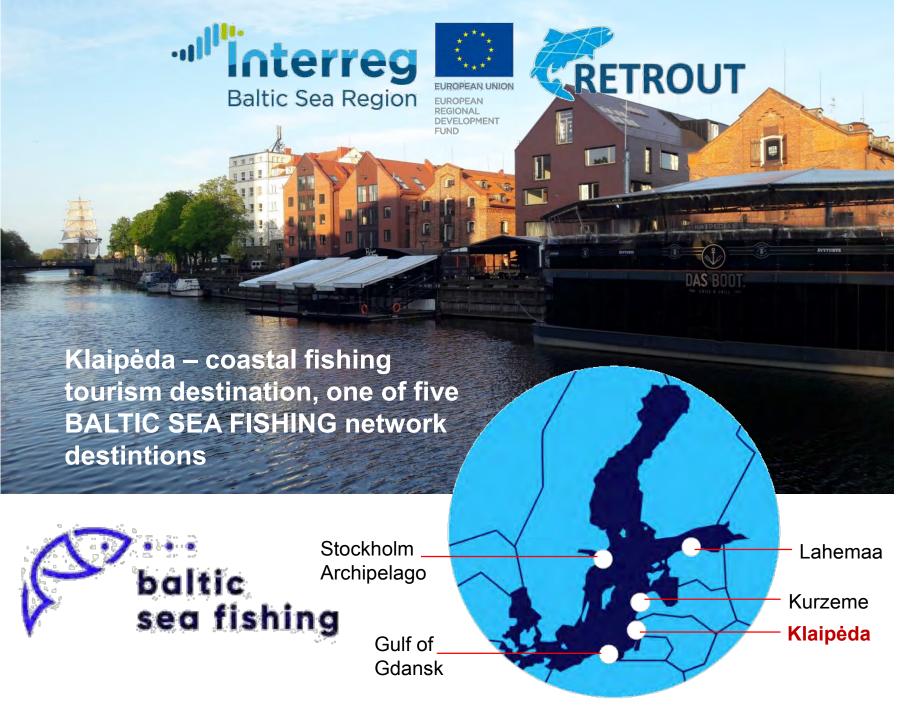




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