Bretagne, a land of blue biotechnology





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- A bio-region leader in blue biotechs
- A concentration of strengths in our territory :

peninsula with 1800 km of coastline a unique marine biodiversity : more than 800 species of macroalgae listed, 3500 species of macrofauna industrial tradition in agro-food and ICT sector : crossing sector with biotech

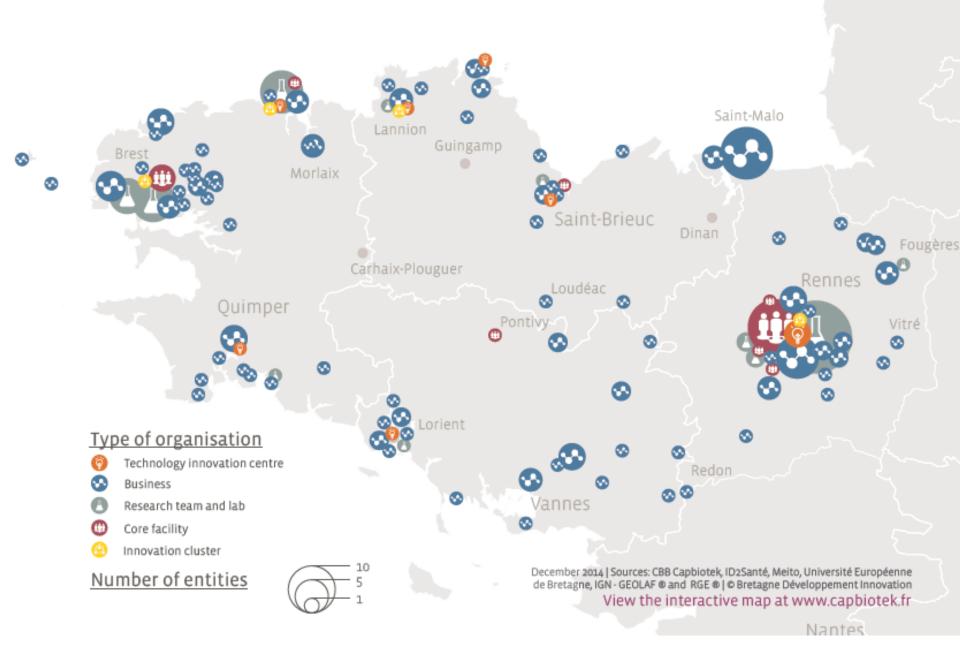
 Valorisation of marine biomass and blue biotechs : a priority of our Smart Specialisation Strategy (S3)







Bretagne's biotech ecosystem







More than 150 companies operating in the biotech sector -Large groups such as Yves Rocher, Roullier, Lactalis, Sanofi, etc. -Innovative SMEs and start-ups

CBB Capbiotech : a cluster dedicated to the biotech industry

Scientific research excellence : several excellence research centers in the region

3 marine biology stations : Concarneau, Dinard and Roscoff

The Biological Station of Roscoff, a leading center of EMBRC, the European Marine Biological Research Center, exploring the secrets of marine organisms and part of the European Strategic Forum For Research Infrastructures (ESFRI - ERIC EMBRC)

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Marine Biotech applications

- Production of marine molecules for health and cosmetics
- Production and processing of algae as ingredients
- Sustainable use of marine coproducts
- Use of biomass to produce energy





Examples of actions developped by the Region



- → Breizh'alg : a specific programme to foster the development of the algae value-chain
- → Call for proposals for biotech (Pole Mer Bretagne Atlantique) : to develop cooperation between compagnies and research centers
- → Blue Train : a 5-year, specific program to develop new skills in blue biotechs
- Blue Valley : a marine biotechnology science park backed by the Station Biologique de Roscoff
- → ERANET on blue biotechnology, together with 20 partners (approved in march 2018)
- → H 2020 projects : EMBRC, EMBRIC, ILICO (INFRAIA), GENIALG (Blue Growth)





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Take Home Message

→ Blue biotech is a promising, fast evolving sector that is not yet fully exploited



- \rightarrow Overall lack of funding for innovative marine biotechnologies
- → Funding gaps for scaling up projects from pilot to demonstration and from demonstration to the industrial scale
- → Illustrates the importance of European Structural and Investments Funds (ESIF) and of Regional Strategies for Smart Specialisation (S3)
- → FP9 and post 2020 « missions » : need for a real ambition regarding marine science and technology in EU's programmes
- → Need to continue and reinforce the cooperation at the EU level : in line with EMBRC and EMBRIC
- → Need to develop the convergence of regional, national and European policies