



### **Register now for matchmaking opportunities in invertebrate-based solutions at AQUA2018**

**INvertebrateIT** partners are happy to announce a thematic matchmaking and brokerage event for invertebrate-based solutions at the joint World and European Aquaculture Societies conference, [AQUA2018](#), in Montpellier, France. The brokerage event will take place on Tuesday 28 August 2018 from 08:00 until 13:30.

The event is for aquaculture and feed companies, researchers, investors and any other parties interested in the use of land and marine invertebrates for feeds, special ingredients and other services across the aquaculture industry. It should prove particularly interesting for SMEs, investors, public managers in Blue Growth-dependent coastal regions, university spin-offs, aquaculture farms, hatcheries and feed-producers. The invite is also open to more diverse and cross-cutting audiences such as journalists, educators and individuals from biotechnology, waste management and public aquaria. You can register by visiting: <https://invertebrateit-brokerage-event.b2match.io/page-3571>.

**INvertebrateIT** is based on the premise that sustainable and competitive solutions for aquaculture feeds are urgently needed. Invertebrates not only help meet the increasing demand for (and rising cost of) proteins and oils, but they also contribute towards resource efficiency and diversification, as well as a wide range of new applications and environmental services.

During the brokerage event, the winners of the recent **INvertebrateIT** [open contest](#) will pitch their projects, offering innovative solutions for invertebrate production for sustainable fish feeds, competitive aquaculture and integrated waste management, hoping to set up strategic Public-Private Partnerships to drive these promising solutions to market. Afterwards, attendees will have an opportunity to network or they can set up meetings to explore potential collaborations and business opportunities using the event's matchmaking tool (accessed at registration). This tool allows individuals to identify and connect directly with complementary stakeholders from across the industry and set up face-to-face meetings in the lead up to the event.

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