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LUCA ABATELLO



Founder and CEO at CIRCLE Group, specialized in the analysis and development of innovation and digitalization solutions for the port and intermodal logistics sectors, and in international consultancy with a focus on the Green Deal and energy transition topics.



Previous experience (from 2002) as Board of Directors member and Head of Business Solutions in ICT Group. Now also President of other 6 companies in the Group listed in Euronext Growth Milan.

Degree in Economics at University of Genova, and Master's Degree at SDA Bocconi.

Entrepreneur & Mentor for FAROS

Italian - English

 **Smart Ports & Green Shipping**

 **Disruptive Uses of Blue Resources**

ABLE TO SUPPORT FOR:

Business and partnership development in Italy; Business and partnership development in Europe; Entrepreneurship and project management, Business plan and pitch deck review.



EMIL ABIRASCID



Journalist, founder and editor-in-chief of Startupbusiness, the first magazine on the Italian startup and innovation ecosystem. Co-founder of Designtech, innovation hub of design and technology, Advisor to Austrian Business Agency, Emil Banca, Fondazione Symbola, Fondazione Quadrans.



Media Manager & Mentor for FAROS

English - Italian

 **Smart Ports & Green Shipping**

 **Shipbuilding**

 **Ocean Energy System**

 **Ocean Data**

 **Sea Health & Restoration**

 **Coastal Tourism**

Co-organiser of the Italian Innovation Day and Series held from 2016 to 2020 in Tokyo, Japan, Melbourne, Adelaide, Perth, and Canberra in Australia and Singapore and co-organiser of the Italy India Innovation Day of AIICP 2021 and 2022. Also editor of StartupDigest Italy, scientific coordinator of the Forum for Research of the Autonomous Province of Trento, board member of TechChill Milano advisor of ScaleIT, chairman of the selection committee of the Premio Marzotto award and advisor of Cetif-Università Cattolica Milano.

ABLE TO SUPPORT FOR:

Business and partnership development in Italy; Business and partnership development in Europe; Business plan and pitch deck review; Business relations, strategic communication.

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ENRICO AMENDOLA



Enrico Amendola holds a degree in Business Administration and a Master's in Governance, Control Systems, and Auditing from the University of Roma Tre. He has nearly 20 years of experience as a Professional Internal Auditor at ENI, where he developed deep expertise in internal controls and corporate governance.

Currently, Enrico leads the New Opportunities Identification of Transition and Decarbonization Processes within the Refining Sector in ENI, focusing on sustainable innovations and strategies for energy transition and carbon reduction initiatives.



Manager & Mentor for FAROS

Italian

 **Smart Ports & Green Shipping**

 **Disruptive Uses of Blue Resources**

 **Ocean Energy System**

ABLE TO SUPPORT FOR:

Business and partnership development in Italy; Business relations; Focus on Energy transition in traditional refining sector.



ANTONIO AUGERI



Founder of Ogyre, the first digital platform designed on the premise of ocean restoration. Thanks to their network of local fishermen, Ogyre cleans the ocean by collecting marine litter and allowing people to contribute.

Antonio studied Business and at that time, together with Matteo Balza, also founded Sort of Looser, a Surf brand that they successfully sold.

Back in the days he also opened a surf school, Roofless/Blackwave, which is the biggest surf school in Italy, counting 4 schools between Italy and France.



Entrepreneur & Mentor for FAROS

Italian – English - Spanish

 **Ocean Data**

 **Sea Health and Restoration**

ABLE TO SUPPORT FOR:

Business and partnership development; Entrepreneurship and project management; Business plan and pitch deck review; ESG and environmental impact assessment.

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OLIVIERO BACCELLI



Director of the Master's Program in Economics and Management of Transport, Infrastructure, and Supply Chains (MEMIT) at Bocconi University, Head of the Transport Area at GREEN - Research Center of Bocconi University in Geography, Environment, Energy, and Networks, Adjunct Professor on topics of Transport Economics and Policy, and author of over sixty publications in the field of passenger and freight transport planning & management.

Additionally, he has written on subjects including European transport policies, the role of airports, air transport, potential and policies for sustainable mobility, and port development strategies. He also serves as a Lecturer at TU Berlin in the EMBA - Master in Sustainable Mobility Management. Since 2018, he has been a member of the Steering Committee of SIET (Italian Society of Transport Economists), since 2020, a member of the Evaluation Committee for the Reinventing Cities projects, appointed by the Municipality of Milan and the Rockefeller Foundation.



Professor & Mentor & Technical Advisor for FAROS

Italian

 **Smart Ports & Green Shipping**

ABLE TO SUPPORT FOR:

Focus on Transportation and Mobility, Sustainability and Port Strategies.



DAVIDE BACCHINI



Davide earned a Master's degree in Mechanical Engineering, specializing in Construction, from the University of Parma in December 2019. His experimental thesis was titled "The New Frontier of Pasteurization: From Patentability to the Design of a Pasteurization Plant Using Pressure Change Technology."

Since 2019, he has been working at Bugnion in the Parma office, providing consultancy in the field of Intellectual Property (IP), focusing on Patents and Design.



Consultant & Mentor for FAROS

Italian - English - German

 **Shipbuilding**

 **Ocean Energy Systems**

 **Sea Health and Restoration**

ABLE TO SUPPORT FOR:

IP Law, Patents, Design.

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MARCO BARBAGELATA



Senior Partner at Stam, tech innovation consulting firm specialized in the delivery of sustainability oriented technologies.

Marco has a background in Robotics Engineering and software development and mastered entrepreneurship and open innovation pillars thanks to a Fulbright BEST scholarship.

He is currently supporting as key advisor one of the key digital transformation projects of the main Italian shipbuilding firm.



Engineer & Mentor & Technical Advisor for FAROS

Italian - English

 **Smart Ports & Green Shipping**

 **Ocean Energy Systems**

 **Disruptive Uses of Blue Resources**

ABLE TO SUPPORT FOR:

Business and partnership development in Europe; Contact with potential investors and funding; Business plan and pitch deck review; ESG and environmental impact assessment; Focus on finance, fundraising, H2 propulsion, wind assisted propulsion, offshore wind, wave energy.



MITJA CABONI



As the Acceleration Manager of PortXL, Mitja has extensive experience in working with start-ups and scale-ups, helping them connect with the ecosystem in Rotterdam and beyond.

He yearly reviews hundreds of candidates for the acceleration program, and has also been involved with Faros in some aspects from the start.

Since 2015 PortXL accelerated 120 innovative companies and facilitated 225 projects between corporates and start-ups, in which he has been fully involved since 2018.



Manager & Mentor for FAROS

Italian - English - Spanish - Slovenian

 **Smart Ports & Green Shipping**

 **Ocean Energy Systems**

 **Shipbuilding**

ABLE TO SUPPORT FOR:

Business and partnership development in Europe; Contact with potential investors and funding; Business plan and pitch deck review; Focus on Ports, Maritime and Energy Transition.

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DANIELE CALZOLARI



Daniele Calzolari is the Chief Investment Officer at Sovo Inc. and a financial evaluator for the Innovation Fund of the European Commission.

He is a Cleantech VC investor and a Social Impact Angel with extensive experience in sustainable maritime transportation.

As a pioneer in offshore wind energy, Daniele has been instrumental in driving innovation and sustainability in the cleantech sector. His expertise spans across renewable energy, impact investing, and financial evaluation of projects aimed at combating climate change and promoting green technologies.



Hippportunity

Investor & Mentor for FAROS

Italian – English - Spanish - Dutch



Smart Ports & Green Shipping



Ocean Energy Systems



Disruptive Uses of Blue Resources

ABLE TO SUPPORT FOR:

Business and partnership development in Italy and Europe; Contact with potential investors and funding; Entrepreneurship and project management; Business plan and pitch deck review.



GABRIELE CARCARUSI



Gabriele is an entrepreneur, creating software products and consulting on digital platform design. After earning a degree in Computer Engineering, he began his career as a software consultant for the microelectronics and defense industry.

After two years, he moved to Munich as an independent software contractor, first for the telecommunications and aerospace sectors, and later for a global biotechnology company, where he gained extensive knowledge on digital transformation.

He founded three companies and recently completed an MBA program in innovation and business creation.

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Entrepreneur & Mentor & Technical Advisor for FAROS

Italian – English - German

ABLE TO SUPPORT FOR:

Business and partnership development in Italy and Europe; Contact with potential investors and funding; Entrepreneurship and project management; Business plan and pitch deck review; Focus on Computer Engineering, Digital products & platforms, Biotechnology.

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FRANCESCO CASTELLANO



Francesco has almost twenty years of experience in research, finance, consulting, and business management. During this time, he was engaged in different types of projects as a consultant at Bain & Company, launched Uber operations in Turin, and worked in the FP&A department at General Electric.

Lately, he founded Tondo, a group of organizations focusing on spreading Circular Economy approaches and concepts and supporting companies in the transition to a clean and circular future. Francesco is also the creator and coordinator of the Re-think Circular Economy Forum.



Entrepreneur & Mentor for FAROS

English – Italian - Spanish

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 **Ocean Energy System**

 **Disruptive Use of Blue Resources**

ABLE TO SUPPORT FOR:

Business and partnership development, Entrepreneurship and project management, Business plan and pitch deck review, ESG and environmental impact assessment



CRISTIAN CHIAVETTA

Cristian Chiavetta is an Environmental Engineer graduated at the University of Bologna with a PhD on LCA of renewable energy and resource valorization as secondary raw materials.

Researcher at the Department for Sustainability of ENEA, he coordinates national and international projects focusing on Sustainable Development and Ecological Transition and supports companies of the Blue Economy in their eco-innovation paths through the implementation of circular economy solutions. He is the member of the board of expert on the blue biotechnologies of the Cluster Blue Italian Growth (Cluster BIG), has been selected as circular economy expert by the Italian Ministry for the Foreign Affairs and International Cooperation (MAECI) to be part of the delegation representing Italy in the Summit of 2 Shores and provides technical supports to the Italian Ministry for Economic Development (MISE) as advisor on the Green transition of the SMEs within the initiative of the Med platform of the industrial cooperation promoted by the Union for Mediterranean and European Commission.

He is member of the Italian team of the Assistance Mechanism of the Westmed Initiative.



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English – Italian - Spanish

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JACK CLARKE



Jack is a marine biologist by training. After spending a few years working in a variety of tropical paradises, he decided to went back to London. He works as a Sustainable Seafood Advocate at The Marine Conservation Society, which partners with a range of businesses to improve the sustainability of their seafood offering. Jack leads on their business engagement program and has a background as a marine biologist as well as an innovative social entrepreneur.

In 2013, Jack set up Catchbox, the first Community Supported Fishery in the UK. He has a genuine passion for safeguarding the marine environment as well as the jobs of small scale fishermen that rely on it.



Engineer & Mentor & Technical Advisor for FAROS

English

 Sustainable Aquaculture

 Disruptive Use of Blue Resources

ABLE TO SUPPORT FOR:

Fisheries seafood aquaculture supply chains; Business and partnership development in Europe; Entrepreneurship and project management; Business plan and pitch deck review..



CLAUDIO COLOMBO

Claudio is a professional with over 15 years of experience in the startup ecosystem. Based in London, he serves as the Chairman and CEO of NextSTEP - an investment fund focused on environmental sustainability - and as the Programs Director of VeniSIA, the Innovation and Sustainability Hub at Ca' Foscari University of Venice.

Claudio can provide support to startups on various topics, including validation, business models, fundraising, and more.



Entrepreneur & Mentor for FAROS

Italian - English

 **Sea Health & Restoration**

 **Ocean Energy System**

 **Coastal Tourism & Cultural Activities**

ABLE TO SUPPORT FOR:

Business and partnership development in Italy and Europe; Contact with potential investors and funding; Entrepreneurship and project management; Business plan and pitch deck review.

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GUILLERMO A. CORONA HERRERA



Senior Manager at the National University of Singapore (MVP Studio), President of the Reef Aquaculture Conservancy (NGO) with focus on Regenerative & Restorative Aquaculture, Blue Carbon Ecosystems & Coral Reefs and Blue Nature-Based Solutions.

Coral Reef & Blue Carbon Aquaculture specialist with over twenty years of hands-on sustainable aquaculture and international R&D&I experience. Responsible, adaptable, innovative, and challenge-oriented leader with solid skills in the field, laboratory, and office to manage regenerative/restorative aquaculture projects from an integral point of view.



Manager & Mentor for FAROS

English - Spanish

Sea Health & Restoration

Coastal Tourism & Cultural Activities

Sustainable Aquaculture

ABLE TO SUPPORT FOR:

Contact with potential investors and funding, Entrepreneurship and project management, ESG and environmental impact assessment, MVP/Product Development



EMILIO COSSO



Emilio is a passionate leader and mentor, dedicated to fostering innovation and supporting the growth of startups across various industries. With over a decade of experience in the marine and industrial power generation sectors, Emilio has developed a deep understanding of both market and technological trends.

However, what truly distinguishes Emilio is his commitment to helping the next generation of entrepreneurs succeed. As the Founder and Early-Stage Investor at Primi Investitori, Emilio plays an active role in identifying, mentoring, and funding promising startups, particularly in their early stages. Emilio's involvement in the startup ecosystem extends to several leading accelerators, as a Startup Mentor with PoliHub - Innovation Park & Startup Accelerator and Techstars.

In addition, Emilio's role as an Early-Stage Investor and Business Angel with Club degli Investitori reflects his broader mission to nurture innovation through both capital investment and mentorship.



Entrepreneur & Mentor for FAROS

Italian - English - Spanish - French - German

Smart Ports & Green Shipping

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LEONARDO DAMIANI

Full professor in Coastal Engineering, past coordinator in Environmental Engineering Master Degree, Director of Civil, Environmental, Building and Territory Engineering and Chemistry of Polytechnic University of Bari.

Leonardo is a scientific responsible of many Academic projects in the field of Harbors, coastal monitoring and protections, and circular economy connected with "sea waste".



Professor & Mentor & Technical Advisor for FAROS
Italian - English

ABLE TO SUPPORT FOR:
Focus on coastal monitoring and protection, Green ports, reuse of "sea waste"

- Smart Ports & Green Shipping
- Sea Health & Restoration
- Ocean Energy Systems
- Coastal Tourism & Cultural Activities
- Ocean Data



GIANLUIGI DE GENNARO



Gianluigi is an Environmental Chemistry Professor at the University of Bari, where he leads the Industrial Liaison Office and One Stop Shop project.

He is President of the Center for Innovation and Creativity, coordinator of BALAB, and a key advisor on various national and international scientific committees.

With over 100 published works, his research focuses on air quality, breath analysis, energy transition, and sustainability in both indoor and outdoor environments.



Professor & Mentor for FAROS
Italian - English

- Smart Ports & Green Shipping
- Ocean Energy Systems

ABLE TO SUPPORT FOR:
Business and partnership development in Italy, Entrepreneurship and project management, Business relations, ESG and environmental impact assessment



EMANUELE FACILE



Currently Managing Partner at IIF – Innovation Investments Future, venture investment and strategic and finance consultancy – he has more than 25 years experience in corporate finance with various professional roles.

Founder of Financial Innovations, he closely followed the evolution of mid-sized companies' finance towards the capital markets. He managed funds and investment vehicles and made direct investments in start-ups and mid-sized companies to support them in their business development and value creation for shareholders through stock market listings or acquisitions by larger corporations. One of the start-ups he's actually involved in is specialized in maritime technologies.



Entrepreneur & Mentor for FAROS

Italian - English

 **Smart Ports & Green Shipping**

 **Shipbuilding**

 **Sea Health & Restoration**

ABLE TO SUPPORT FOR:

Business and partnership development in Italy, and in Europe, Contact with potential investors and funding, Entrepreneurship and project management, Business plan and pitch deck review, Business relations



ESME' FANTOZZI

Esmé Fantozzi is the founder of AklysTransform, a consultancy focused on accelerating the energy transition in asset-intensive sectors.

She held strategic and frontline leadership roles in some of the largest energy companies/JV projects in Europe, the United States, the Middle East, and Asia.

She is an independent director of the board in a biotech company (sustainable aquaculture).

She holds a Laurea in Physics from Padua University and a Master of Engineering from MIT.



Entrepreneur & Mentor for FAROS

English

 **Ocean Energy System**

 **Sustainable Aquaculture**

ABLE TO SUPPORT FOR:

Entrepreneurship and project management, Business plan and pitch deck review; focus on renewable energy

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GIULIO GENNARO



Giulio is a chartered mechanical engineer with more than 20 years' experience in Maritime, Oil & Gas and, both in Europe and Asia.

Giulio is the Technical Director of CORE POWER, UK, and also runs 1888 Gennaro Consulting, Singapore. Since 2018 he is a Mentor in the Pier71 Program, the Singaporean accelerator and incubator for marine start ups.

1888 GENNARO CONSULTING

Failure Investigations - Forensic Engineering

Engineer & Mentor & Technical Advisor for FAROS

Italian - English

 **Smart Ports & Green Shipping**

 **Shipbuilding**

 **Ocean Energy Systems**

ABLE TO SUPPORT FOR:

Focus on Shipping, Offshore, Energy Efficiency, Decarbonization, Emissions, Digitization



GUGLIELMO GIANNINI



Tech entrepreneur and investor with a business & and economic background, he co-founded G-nous, an Italian deep-tech innovation factory skilled in space-based innovation, Robotics, and AI.

The company develops and invests in tech startups covering a wide range of industries, including the Blue Economy, and it is part of the Cluster Blue Italian Growth.

g-nous
Venture. Space. Tech.

Entrepreneur & Mentor for FAROS

English - Italian - Spanish - French

Before founding G-nous, he gained a deep knowledge of the Blue Economy, with multi-year professional experience in sustainability certifications and audits of fishing and aquaculture companies.

 **Smart Ports & Green Shipping**

 **Sustainable Aquaculture**

 **Disruptive Use of Blue Resources**

ABLE TO SUPPORT FOR:

Business and partnership development in Europe; Contact with potential investors and funding; Entrepreneurship and project management; Business plan and pitch deck review; Business relations.

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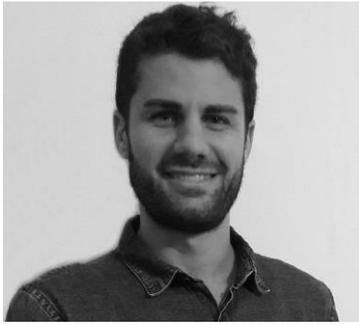
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ALESSANDRO GIBERTINI



Graduated in Energy Engineering (Politecnico di Milano) and Marine Sciences (Università Bicocca), he went deep into Blue Economy topics through and Advanced Master in Sustainable Blue Economy (OGS & Università di Trieste).

Diverse work experiences, from the industrial private sector to water treatment start up and research institution: he is working at the Institute of Marine Sciences of the National Council of Research of Italy as Project Manager supporting the coordination of ocean observation and scientific cooperation projects.

His expertise includes skills in communication and outreach, since he has been a radio speaker for many years and he produced a radio show focused on Blue Economy topics.

ABLE TO SUPPORT FOR:

Focus on Oceanography, Ocean Observation, International Cooperation, Ocean Decade, Ocean Literacy.



Consiglio Nazionale delle Ricerche

Engineer, Marine S. & Mentor & Technical Advisor for FAROS

English – Italian – Spanish – Portuguese

Smart Ports & Green Shipping

Ocean Data

Ocean Energy System

Sea Health and Restoration



GIUSEPPE GIORGI



Giuseppe Giorgi is a Research Fellow at the Marine Offshore Renewable Energy Lab at Politecnico di Torino. He holds a PhD from the Centre for Ocean Energy Research from Maynooth University of Ireland, and a Mechanical Engineering degree from Politecnico di Torino.

He is also the co-funder and CTO of MESPAC s.r.l. and MESPAC UK l.t.d.. His expertise lies in all aspects of Offshore Renewable Energy, especially wave energy and floating offshore wind, from numerical modelling to experimental testing, as well as satellite observation and in-situ monitoring, maritime spatial planning and resource assessment.

ABLE TO SUPPORT FOR:

Focus on Wave Energy, Floating Offshore Wind, Resource Assessment, Numerical Modelling; Experimental Validation.



Politecnico di Torino



Professor & Mentor & Technical Advisor for FAROS

Italian – English – Spanish – Portuguese – French

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RENATO GORETTA



Renato is an accomplished entrepreneur and manager with over 30 years of experience in corporate consulting and compliance, specializing in ESG, sustainability, and gender equality.

As the CEO and Co-Founder of Gesta Srl B Corp in La Spezia, he provides expert consulting services to both private and public sectors, focusing on corporate management and legislative compliance.

Additionally, Renato serves as the Regional President of Piccola Industria Liguria and is actively involved in various scientific and industry committees, advocating for best practices in corporate governance.



Entrepreneur & Mentor & Technical Advisor for FAROS

Italian – English

Shipbuilding

Smart Ports & Green Shipping

Coastal Tourism & Cultural Activities

ABLE TO SUPPORT FOR:

Focus on Corporate management and compliance, ESG and sustainability, Business and Partnership in Italy.



BAUDOUIIN GOSSELIN



Baudouin holds a master degrees in Corporate Finance and Marine Environment Economics. He worked as a consultant at the World Bank for 6 months on marine conservation program doing the economic and financial analysis of the project. He has been working at Mirova for two years as investment analyst for the Sustainable Ocean Fund, a US\$132mn hybrid Blue Economy Fund.

He has financial modeling and valuation skills, market knowledge and understanding on aquaculture, alternative ingredients, especially seaweed and circular economy models. His daily tasks involve meeting with CEOs and founders and discussing their business model, which would be useful to help early stage ventures in their inception phase.



Investor & Mentor for FAROS

English - Italian - Spanish - French

Sea health & restoration

Disruptive Uses of Blue Resources

Sustainable Aquaculture

ABLE TO SUPPORT FOR:

Business and partnership development in Europe; Contact with potential investors and funding; Business plan and pitch deck review; ESG and environmental impact assessment.

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SAMANTHA HOWLETT



Ecologist with a background in ecology and conservation having worked on both terrestrial and tropical marine projects around the world over the past 15 years. She holds a PhD in modelling drivers to ecosystem functions on reefs and she worked in spatial ecology and human-wildlife conflict.



Biologist & Mentor & Technical Advisor for FAROS

English - Latvian

As a business development manager at NatureMetrics, she coordinates project development for marine conservation. She helps clients build eDNA monitoring into their projects which can be anything from monitoring biodiversity uplift through restoration/designation or tracking commitments to financing mechanisms. Using environmental DNA (eDNA), we can now collect reliable and scalable data.

Sea health & restoration

Coastal Tourism & Cultural Activities

Sustainable Aquaculture

ABLE TO SUPPORT FOR:

ESG and environmental impact assessment; Focus on Sustainability, Biodiversity, Nature-positive.



KLAUS HUBNER



Co-founder and managing partner at Yaku Partners, a German based platform with corporate finance core expertise focusing on supporting start-ups in their growth (fundraising, exit strategies) in particular connecting Latin America, Spain and the DACH region (Germany, Austria and Switzerland). Yaku has access to start-ups developing solutions in the Blue Economy (biomaterials) in Latam which can be deployed in Europe, and also support Italian start-ups looking for support in Spain as well as German speaking countries. The platform also includes industry experts (Biotechnology, Life Sciences, Mobility, etc) who support go-to-market strategies and commercial development.



Entrepreneur & Mentor for FAROS

English - Spanish - Portuguese - German

Smart Ports & Green Shipping

Sea Health & Restoration

Sustainable Aquaculture

ABLE TO SUPPORT FOR:

Business and partnership development in Europe; Contact with potential investors and funding; Business plan and pitch deck review; Access to Latin America (pilot cases), Iberia and DACH (Germany, Austria and Switzerland).

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LUIGI IACHINI



Luigi is a lawyer and legal consultant, with second-level university Master's degrees in energy and environmental law and maritime law and economics. He provides legal advice and assistance to businesses, individuals, and local authorities, representing them in negotiations, mediations, and legal proceedings.

He conducts legal research, analyze and study cases to represent the interests of the clients and protect their rights in various contexts, from courts to mediation bodies and board meetings.

He also serves as a consultant, providing ongoing legal management assistance to companies, acting as an in-house legal department while adhering to the principles of professional ethics and independence.

Lawyer & Mentor & Technical Advisor for FAROS

English - Italian

 **Smart Ports & Green Shipping**

 **Coastal Tourism & Cultural Activities**

 **Ocean Energy System**

ABLE TO SUPPORT FOR:

Tax and Legal, IP Law, Legal Project Management; Focus on EU norms and regulations (eg. MSP); Renewable Energy Communities, Special Economic and Free Trade Zones.



MARION JAMES



Graduated in Naval Architecture from the University of Southampton and with a PhD in Hydrodynamics which notably helped the British Swimming team to win medals at the Rio 2016 Olympic Games. She joined a consulting company leading performance and transformation improvement projects for large industrial groups based in France, making Marion develop a 360° vision of an industrial company.

She offers strategy and management consulting to actors of the blue economy, with a first focus on shipping decarbonization. She helps directors to operate strategic industrial transformation in contexts of growth, crisis or regulatory compliance. She also supports associations and their members to build structuring plans as an industry with the end goal of going further and faster together.



Engineer & Mentor & Technical Advisor for FAROS

French - English

 **Shipbuilding**

 **Smart Ports & Green Shipping**

 **Coastal Tourism & Cultural Activities**

ABLE TO SUPPORT FOR:

Business and partnership development in EU; Contact with potential investors; Business plan and pitch review; Business relations; Focus on Naval Architecture, Shipbuilding, Composites.

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LAETITIA GOMBAUD-SAIN TONGE



Laetitia is an impact investor at SWEN Blue Ocean. Originally from Guadeloupe, a small French island in the Caribbean, she grown passionate about the ocean. Before being an investor, Laetitia gained a wide range of competencies from Strategy Consulting (Bain), Private Equity (Bpifrance), Venture Capital (Eurazeo) and International Development (World Bank), with a sustained international exposure (Caribbean, France, Australia, Spain, Belgium, Switzerland, Portugal).

She holds a master's degree in International Management (MiM) from HEC Paris alongside a double degree with ESADE (Barcelona). She also is an outdoor sports enthusiast (open water swimming, hiking, biking, surfing, etc.).

ABLE TO SUPPORT FOR:

Contact with potential investors and funding, Entrepreneurship and project management, Business plan and pitch deck review, ESG and environmental impact assessment



Manager & Mentor for FAROS

English – French - Spanish

Smart Ports & Green Shipping

Sea health & restoration

Disruptive Use of Blue Resources



BENJAMIN LESAGE



Benjamin is passionate about the ocean and is an expert in technology and innovation. He has been an active startups' mentor at SOA since 2018. Prior to joining SOA full-time, Ben worked for the innovation studio of BNP Paribas in San Francisco. In this tenure, he would provide advisory services to the Bank and large EU Corp on their open innovation and startups engagement strategies. He is the author of the first study dedicated to Ocean Technology startups and was invited to share his work in various media and events such as Hello Tomorrow and La Mer XXL.

Benjamin lived for more than 10 years in Canada and in the US and is knowledgeable about both North American and European business ecosystems. Benjamin enjoys spending his free time sailing and surfing.

ABLE TO SUPPORT FOR:

Business and partnership development in Europe, Contact with potential investors and funding



Investor & Mentor for FAROS

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VALERIE DE LIEDEKERKE



Sustainable Blue Economy expert devoted to improving global ocean management and health. Her passion lies in supporting and promoting emerging technological innovations to safeguard marine habitats, fostering collaboration amongst stakeholders, and assisting the implementation of a sustainable blue economy through a variety of means such as Maritime Spatial Planning, Marine Protected Areas, Marine Legislation and Sustainable Blue Financing.

She actively contributes to mentoring and coaching marine entrepreneurs and professionals in designing, implementing and upscaling sustainable blue economy businesses.



Manager & Mentor & Technical Advisor for FAROS

English

 **Smart Ports & Green Shipping**

 **Ocean Data**

 **Ocean Energy System**

ABLE TO SUPPORT FOR:

Business plan and pitch deck review; ESG and environmental impact assessment; Focus on EU norms and regulations (eg. MSP).



GIULIO MAGNI

Giulio Magni is the director of One Ocean Foundation, a global non-profit organization committed to expediting solutions for ocean issues.

With a 13-year background in sustainability, he launched his career in management consulting, supporting companies in developing and implementing sustainability strategies. Over the last 6 years he managed One Ocean Foundation's rapid growth by overseeing impactful projects in blue economy, education, and environmental research.



Manager & Mentor for FAROS

English - Italian

 **Sustainable Aquaculture**

 **Ocean Data**

 **Sea Health & Restoration**

ABLE TO SUPPORT FOR:

Business and partnership development in Italy, Contact with potential investors and funding, Entrepreneurship and project management, ESG and environmental impact assessment; focus on biology, and ESG.

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RAFFAELE MANCINI



Raffaele Mancini has over twenty years of professional experience in environmental conservation and sustainable development. Over the last seven years, he worked as a blue economy expert with major organizations, including the European Commission, Union for the Mediterranean, UNEP MAP, and Chamber of Commerce of Barcelona among others. He is currently a Senior Project Manager/Blue Economy Expert at Assoittica Italia, which represents over 130 small-medium enterprises working along the fishery and aquaculture supply chains.

He is experienced in setting up multi-stakeholder processes toward the conservation of marine ecosystems while promoting the sustainable development of the economic sectors depending on them.

ABLE TO SUPPORT FOR:

Business and partnership development in Italy; Business and partnership development in Europe; Contact with potential investors and funding.

Manager & Mentor for FAROS

English - Italian - Spanish

 **Smart Ports & Green Shipping**

 **Sustainable Aquaculture**

 **Coastal Tourism & Cultural Activities**



FRANCESCO MANTEGAZZINI



Out of the box thinker and problem solver, skilled at value creation, Francesco is an expert in smart mobility and corporate venture capital and business angel investing.

Moderator and Judge of Startup Events and Competitions, he also works as a consultant for different organizations and trains startups on pitching to investors,

MGH7

Investor & Mentor for FAROS

Italian - English - Spanish - French

 **Coastal Tourism & Cultural Activities**

ABLE TO SUPPORT FOR:

Business and partnership development in Italy; Contact with potential investors and funding; Business plan and pitch deck review; Focus on mobility.

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LEONARDO MANZARI



Upon his managerial background, since 2009 he's assisting clusters, consortia, institutions for the social-economic promotion of their territories. In 2013, he started the European Institute for the Eurasian Dialogue (www.eiead.org), as a dedicated instrument to foster industrial cooperation at sectoral level, geo-political and cultural relations with the South-Eastern region, also becoming founder and shareholder of the company Italian Blue Growth srl in 2018.

WESTMED
blue economy initiative

Manager & Mentor
for FAROS

*Italian - English -
French - German*

He is engaged in various initiatives of Technical Assistance in the field of the Blue Growth, Circular Economy and Climate Change, and as WestMED National Hub for Italy, just like as BlueInvest Coach, he is assisting start-ups, spinoffs, to increase their access to EU and non-EU funding programmes, and to scale-up their business activities.

- Smart Ports & Green Shipping
- Sea Health & Restoration
- Shipbuilding

- Coastal Tourism & Cultural Activities
- Sustainable Aquaculture



MAURIZIO MARAGLINO MISCIAGNA

Certified Public Accountant, Legal Auditor, PhD. Freelance journalist since 2012, collaborating with the most authoritative magazines on finance and innovation topics. Expert in corporate finance and innovation.

M3 STUDIO
COMMERCIALISTA
MARAGLINO
Start up, finance & business consulting

Accountant & Mentor
& Technical Advisor
for FAROS

Italian - English

Speaker at various conferences on topics related to innovation and finance. Lecturer in several university master's programs and specialized courses. Former adjunct professor in innovation economics at the University of Bari Aldo Moro. Holds financial positions in public entities and medium-to-large private companies. For ANCI, serves as an expert in local government budgets for Southern Italy and is a member of the Independent Evaluation Unit (OIV) for the Puglia Region.

Ocean Energy System

Disruptive Use of Blue Resources

Coastal Tourism & Cultural Activities

ABLE TO SUPPORT FOR:

Business and partnership development in Italy;
Contact with potential investors and funding;
Business plan and pitch deck review.

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MARCELLO MARZANO



Marcello is a Chartered Accountant and certified auditor based in Pisa, with over 13 years of experience in corporate consultancy. He provides expert advice on budgetary, fiscal, and corporate matters to a diverse range of companies and serves as a consultant to public local governments.

Founder of Studio MM and Associate Partner at yourCFO - a division of YOURgroup, certified public accountant, and business consultant with a strong focus on innovation.

Serving as a Temporary CFO for startups and small to medium-sized enterprises (SMEs). Also, lecturer in various courses for business startups at technology hubs and educational institutions.



STUDIO MM

Manager & Mentor for FAROS

Italian - English - Spanish

 **Sustainable Aquaculture**

 **Disruptive Uses of Blue Resources**

 **Coastal Tourism & Cultural Activities**

ABLE TO SUPPORT FOR:

Business and partnership development in Italy, Contact with potential investors and funding, Business plan and pitch deck review



EMANUELE MEMMOLA



Emanuele Memmola is currently the Knowledge Owner in Circular Economy at ENI, where he focuses on projects aimed at driving the energy transition. He believes that today's energy transition cannot be separated from ecological, economic, and social transitions, with sustainability being a core element of all these initiatives.

Leveraging funding opportunities such as the PNRR and the Just Transition Fund, Emanuele is involved in projects targeting the production of biohydrogen, biomethane, and biofuels. This includes biofuels derived from waste and renewable energy projects, such as wave energy. Emanuele is part of ENI's new business unit Enilive, which is dedicated to laying the foundation for sustainable mobility in the future.



Engineer & Mentor for FAROS

Italian

 **Ocean Energy System**

 **Disruptive Use of Blue Resources**

 **Sea Health & Restoration**

 **Smart Ports & Green Shipping**

 **Sustainable Aquaculture**

ABLE TO SUPPORT FOR:

Business and partnership development in Italy; Contact with potential investors and funding; Entrepreneurship and project management; ESG and environmental impact assessment; Focus on sustainability and circularity.

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PIETRO MONDINI



Currently Managing Partner at IIF – Innovation Investments Future, venture investment and strategic and finance consultancy – he has more than 25 years experience in corporate finance with various professional roles.

Founder of Financial Innovations, he closely followed the evolution of mid-sized companies' finance towards the capital markets. He managed funds and investment vehicles and made direct investments in start-ups and mid-sized companies to support them in their business development and value creation for shareholders through stock market listings or acquisitions by larger corporations. One of the start-ups he's actually involved in is specialized in maritime technologies.

VESPER

Manager & Mentor for FAROS

Italian - English

 **Smart Ports & Green Shipping**

 **Disruptive Uses of Blue Resources**

 **Coastal Tourism & Cultural Activities**

ABLE TO SUPPORT FOR:

Business and partnership development in Italy, and in Europe, Contact with potential investors and funding, Entrepreneurship and project management, Business plan and pitch deck review, Business relations



MICHELE MOSSA



Michele Mossa is a Full Professor of Hydraulics at the Polytechnic University of Bari (Italy) since 2006. Over the years, he has been actively engaged in research, teaching, and academic administration. His contributions to the field of hydraulics and environmental engineering have been globally recognized.

Mossa is also a Fellow Member of IAHR and he was elected President of the IAHR Technical Committee on Ecohydraulics. His work extends to areas related to climate change, coastal engineering, and the protection of the marine environment. His multidisciplinary approach and significant impact in the field of hydraulics and environmental engineering have solidified his reputation as a respected expert in the industry.



Professor & Mentor for FAROS

Italian - English

 **Smart Ports & Green Shipping**

 **Sea Health & Restoration**

 **Shipbuilding**

 **Coastal Tourism & Cultural Activities**

 **Sustainable Aquaculture**

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ROBERTA MUGELLESI DOW

Business Applications Manager in the Downstream Business Applications Department of the European Space Agency in Harwell, UK. Roberta has been involved as project manager in the development of 50+ downstream services leveraging space and other data in a large variety of sectors. In particular, she has gained a broad understanding of the capabilities offered by space to address the current challenges of the society towards an effective green transition, receiving 8 awards and 40 publications.

She holds a degree in Mathematics from the University of Pisa, Italy, and an EMBA in International Business from the Schiller University of Heidelberg, DE. She is a member of the International Program Committee of the International Astronautical Federation (IAF) and member of the International Academy of Astronautics (IAA).



Business applications Manager & Mentor for FAROS

Italian - English

 **Smart Ports & Green Shipping**

 **Sea Health & Restoration**

 **Sustainable Aquaculture**

ABLE TO SUPPORT FOR:

Business and partnership development in Europe; Contact with potential investors and funding; Business plan and pitch deck review.



ARTURO NICORA

He spent most of his career in the Insurance Market, becoming the Chairman of a Swiss Insurance Health group employing more than 600 people - he was involved in all strategic decisions concerning the Health Insurance market in Switzerland, being on the Board of Directors of "Santé Suisse" In 2002 he started his own company in the learning and people development arena and worked with Multinationals.

His areas of expertise include team, organizational and personal effectiveness, mission and strategy alignment and implementation, cultural change, achieving bottom-line results. In 2019 he was appointed as Special coach for Innosuisse, and business coach for Horizon 2020/21/22 supporting startups in building better business. He works closely with leaders and executives to conduct strategic and cultural change within their company.



Entrepreneur & Mentor for FAROS

English - French - Italian

 **Ocean Data**

 **Coastal Tourism & Cultural Activities**

ABLE TO SUPPORT FOR:

Business and partnership development in Europe; Entrepreneurship and project management; Business plan and pitch review.

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SUSANNA POTENZA



Susanna is an Investment Associate at Primo Ventures, where she focuses on impact-driven investments. With over 3 years of experience in the startup and impact investment ecosystem, she has served as Head of Impact and Investment Analyst at Oltre Impact and supported entrepreneurs as a Startup Acceleration Specialist at Avanzi.



Investor & Mentor for FAROS

Italian - English - French - Spanish

Susanna is also a FoodHack Ambassador, promoting innovation in the food industry. Her expertise lies in nurturing impact-oriented startups and advancing financial models that align with sustainable business growth.

ABLE TO SUPPORT FOR:

Business and partnership development in Italy; Business and partnership development in Europe; Contact with potential investors and funding; Focus on CDR, Bioengineering, Offshore Production and Storage of energy, Emission Monitoring, Port Electrification.

 **Smart Ports & Green Shipping**

 **Ocean Energy Systems**

 **Sea Health & Restoration**



JULIA SAMSON



Former researcher as academic (Phd, postdoc), she is an expert in coral behavior, fluid dynamics, and underwater bioacoustics.

Former consultant at BCG, she has experience in strategy, operations, sustainability, and data driven business decisions. Certified EMCC / Nobco coach (individual and team coaching).

Cuttlefish Consulting

Biologist & Mentor for FAROS

English - French - Dutch - German

 **Smart Ports & Green Shipping**

 **Ocean Energy Systems**

 **Sustainable Aquaculture**

ABLE TO SUPPORT FOR:

Business plan and pitch deck review; Focus on Review of Scientific background, Strategy, Ecosystem, Seaweed, Data-driven decisions.

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LEFTERIS SDOUKOPOULOS

PhD in Maritime Studies, MSc in Transportation Engineering, MEng in Rural and Surveying Engineering.

Expertise on the maritime transport and port sector (innovation support, applied R&D, strategic project mng and funding) on topics related to: (a) greening of operations, (b) governance and strategic mng, (c) operational efficiency, (d) policy setting and action prioritisation, (e) network planning, (f) port-hinterland connectivity and port-city interactions, (g) maritime innovation ecosystems, (h) maritime logistics, and (i) skills and curricula development.



Engineer & Mentor & Technical Advisor for FAROS

English - Greek

 **Smart Ports & Green Shipping**

 **Coastal Tourism & Cultural Activities**

ABLE TO SUPPORT FOR:

Business and partnership development in Europe; Business plan and pitch deck review; ESG and environmental impact assessment; Focus on Greening of shipping and ports; Port energy management; Port-hinterland connectivity; Cruise and nautical tourism.



ALEXANDER SHADBOLT

Alex invests on both the Blue Ocean Fund and the Climate Challenge-Response basket, contributing to deal sourcing, diligence, execution, and monitoring. Within 18 months, Alex led Future Planet Capitale investment into REGENT Craft and supported on CargoKite, Rovco and 44.01.

Alex drives impact initiatives at FPC, formalising processes, leading ESG efforts, and spearheading projects, like the Ocean Impact Navigator launch at ChangeNOW.



Investor & Mentor for FAROS

English

 **Smart Ports & Green Shipping**

 **Ocean Energy Systems**

 **Sustainable Aquaculture**

ABLE TO SUPPORT FOR:

Business plan and pitch deck review; Focus on CDR, aquafeed, shipping decarbonization, smart ports and ocean impact frameworks

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NIKOLAOS SIFONIOS



Bringing a wealth of financial/business expertise cultivated with esteemed investment banks such as JP Morgan, Morgan Stanley, and Barclays Capital in the UK, and thanks to hands-on involvement in the startup and investor ecosystem, Nikolaos has wide understanding of the dynamic business environment.

Currently working as a freelance business/finance consultant with startups and SMEs.



Consultant & Mentor for FAROS
English - Greek

- Smart Ports & Green Shipping**
- Coastal Tourism & Cultural Activities**
- Shipbuilding**

ABLE TO SUPPORT FOR:
Contact with potential investors and funding; Entrepreneurship and project management; Business plan and pitch deck review.



THANOS SMANIS



Environmental and climate change consultant. More than 15 years of experience holding a MSc in Agriculture Science and Engineering, a MSc in Economic and Regional Development and PhD in ecosystem management (ongoing). Founder of CLIMAZUL working on sustainable growth & development, nature resources, biodiversity, climate change areas. Experience working closely with financial institutions and national governments. He has been involved in the Blue Growth Strategy of the EU and Neighboring MSs, following different Conventions and Directives.

In the last years involved in multiple international, multidisciplinary projects to provide support to different Sea Basins and countries to frame and implement their sustainable Blue Economy strategies and Maritime Spatial Plans focusing on an integrated approach, via technical assistance on the administrative level and for the implementation of BE projects in the fields of Maritime Spatial Planning, Aquaculture, Coastal Tourism, Port Development, Coastal and Offshore Fisheries, Maritime Clusters, Maritime safety to combat pollution and Marine Litter.



Consultant & Mentor & Technical Advisor for FAROS
English - Spanish

- Smart Ports & Green Shipping**
- Disruptive Use of Blue Resources**



DOMENICA SURACE



Domenica is the Head of Impact Assessment, Monitoring & Reporting at Joule, Eni's School for Enterprise. She manages open innovation initiatives focused on sustainability, ESG issues, and inclusive entrepreneurship, and evaluates the impact of these projects using SROI methodology.

With over 16 years of experience at Eni, Domenica has expertise in ESG risk management, climate change, and sustainability reporting. She is also a certified Innovation Manager and has conducted research in materials science during her academic career at institutions like the University of Manchester.



Manager & Mentor for FAROS

Italian

 **Disruptive Uses of Blue Resources**

 **Ocean Data**

 **Smart Ports & Green Shipping**

ABLE TO SUPPORT FOR:

ESG and environmental impact assessment; focus on Sustainability and Impact Assessment.



NICOLE TAGLIAZUCCHI



Nicole graduated in Law from the University of Modena and Reggio Emilia. After an initial experience at a law firm in Modena, she began her career in the field of intellectual property in 2018 at a consultancy firm. She joined Bugnion in October 2021, focusing on the protection of trademarks, designs, and copyright law.



Consultant & Mentor for FAROS

Italian

 **Coastal Tourism & Cultural Activities**

 **Shipbuilding**

 **Smart Ports & Green Shipping**

ABLE TO SUPPORT FOR:

Entrepreneurship and project management; Business plan and pitch deck review.

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ANNALISA TURI



Annalisa Turi is a Knowledge Transfer Manager at the University of Bari, where she leads the Research Management Unit within the Center for Innovation and Creativity. Since 2019, she has served as the focal point for inventaGIOVANI Taranto, a Shell-backed social investment program that supports youth entrepreneurship, in collaboration with local institutions like Confindustria and the Port Authority of the Ionian Sea.

Annalisa also serves as a lecturer in Tax Law at the University of Bari and has extensive experience in business creation, having worked with CIHEAM Bari as an expert in enterprise support.

Her professional focus lies in promoting innovation, technology transfer, and entrepreneurship, making her a key figure in fostering collaboration between academia, industry, and young entrepreneurs.



Knowledge Transfer Manager & Mentor for FAROS

Italian

ABLE TO SUPPORT FOR:

Business and partnership development in Italy, Entrepreneurship and project management, Business plan and pitch deck review, Business relations



CAMILLA VISCONTI



Camilla started her career in waste management which ultimately lead her to the Netherlands where she received an MSc in Environmental Policy but with a focus on circular economy entrepreneurship.

As a consultant she works closely with businesses to integrate circular principles into company strategy. Her aim is to help businesses achieve a more resource efficient, equitable and sustainable future through visioning, planning, and adopting the circular economy throughout any organisation.



Consultant & Mentor for FAROS

Italian - English



Coastal Tourism & Cultural Activities

ABLE TO SUPPORT FOR:

Entrepreneurship and project management; Business plan and pitch deck review; Focus on Circular Economy.

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FRANCESCO VITELLARO



Assistant Professor at the University of Genoa, teaching marketing and innovation management. He holds a Doctorate in Transport and Logistics, with his research primarily focusing on Corporate Social Responsibility (CSR) and green innovation within the maritime port sector. His academic interests are centred on maritime logistics and deep-tech startups, with a strong interest in coastal tourism initiatives that actively involve the local community.



Assistant Professor & Mentor for FAROS

Italian - English

 **Smart Ports & Green Shipping**

 **Coastal Tourism & Cultural Activities**

Dr Vitellaro's research has been published in various esteemed international peer-reviewed journals. He is actively engaged with the academic community as a member of the Italian Society of Marketing (SIM) and the Italian Society of Management (SIMA), fostering a sense of professional belonging and collaboration.

Additionally, Dr Vitellaro serves on the Advisory Board for the European Group of Territorial Cooperation on the Rhine-Alpine Corridor and holds a position on the Board of the Italian Centre of Excellence on Logistics Transport and Infrastructure.



SUSAN ZELLERS



Susan Zellers is an accomplished dynamic leader, with a background in association management, workforce development, economic development, advocacy, community coalition building, mentoring and event management. Susan holds the position of Program Manager at Ocean Exchange; a 501C3 with the mission of accelerating the adoption of innovative solutions for healthy oceans and the sustainable blue economy.



Manager & Mentor for FAROS

English

 **Shipbuilding**

 **Sea Health and Restoration**

 **Sustainable Aquaculture**

For two decades prior to coming to Ocean Exchange, she led the Marine Trades Association of Maryland (MTAM) as their Executive Director. In that role she worked as a state lobbyist for recreational boating interests. She represented the boater and the trades on environmental priorities for a clean Chesapeake Bay, small business support, workforce training and boating laws. Prior to MTAM, Susan held the appointed position of Director of Economic Development for the City of Annapolis. Here she served as a liaison with the business community while working to recruit new businesses to Annapolis and Maryland.

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BOLD is a boutique accelerator that provides custom services for their clients. We are a mentorship and investment-driven open innovation company focused on hi-tech maritime industries and maritime startups.

We are business-oriented. We support escalable, revenue-generating, internationally focused, technology-based startups with innovative solutions and/or disruptive business models, for growth and/or entry in new markets.

 **Smart Ports & Green Shipping**

 **Disruptive Use of Blue Resources**

 **Ocean Energy System**

Mentor & Technical Advisor for FAROS

English - Spanish

ABLE TO SUPPORT FOR:

Renewable energy, carbon capture, hydrogen, alternative fuels.



Braid Theory is vertically integrated advisory firm that provides end-to-accelerator and venture studio programs to support science and engineering-led companies.

We work across all areas of the Blue Economy, from ports/maritime including decarbonization of shipping and goods movement; to ocean energy; to supporting solutions that replace the petrochemical industry. At our IGNITE22 Global Tech Showcase more than 70 tech companies demo.

 **Smart Ports & Green Shipping**

 **Ocean Data**

 **Ocean Energy System**

Mentor for FAROS

English - Italian

ABLE TO SUPPORT FOR:

Business and partnership development in Europe and US, Contact with potential investors and funding, Entrepreneurship and project management, Business relations.

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CETMA is a Research and Technology organization. It was established in 1994 following a specific agreement between ENEA (National Agency for New Technologies, Energy, and Sustainable Economic Development) and MURST (Ministry of University, Scientific and Technological Research) with the goal of promoting corporate innovation, with particular emphasis on Southern Italy.

Extended Reality (XR) solutions for industrial and training applications, plastic waste recycling and second life valorization, Artificial Intelligence Solutions for water applications, CFD simulations in predicting the behavior of energy devices at sea, Edutainment and VR content for marine environments and underwater cultural heritage, Advanced materials, Technology to convert wave motion into electricity.

 **Coastal Tourism & Cultural Activities**

 **Ocean Data**

 **Ocean Energy System**

Technical Advisor for FAROS

Italian

ABLE TO SUPPORT FOR:

New product development, AR, VR, AI, Simulation, Advanced Materials, IoT, Information Engineering



GO Capital manages around 400m€ within various VC funds, including three vehicles focused on the Blue Economy in France: Mer Invest, Sud Mer Invest and Impact Océan Capital.

A dedicated team is actively looking for new investment opportunities and is already supporting dozens of entrepreneurs in the current portfolio of +30 maritime companies. Our team has a strong network of investors, companies and ecosystems operating in the maritime industry in France, as well as a solid expertise and a knowledge of the stakes the Blue Economy will face in the future

 **Sea Health and Restoration**

 **Disruptive Use of Blue Resources**

 **Sustainable Aquaculture**

Mentor for FAROS

English - French

ABLE TO SUPPORT FOR:

Business development in Europe, Entrepreneurship and project management, Business plan and pitch deck review, ESG and environmental impact assessment

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L'Acceleratore Blue Economy
della Rete Nazionale CDP

1000 Ocean Startups is a global coalition launched in 2021 aimed at accelerating the growth of startups focused on ocean health and innovation. The coalition brings together a wide range of actors, including incubators, accelerators, competitions, matching platforms, venture capital firms, and corporate venture capital, all united under the common goal of supporting transformative startups. Faros is one of the partners involved in this initiative.

By driving innovation, investment, and inclusivity, the coalition seeks to increase the visibility and financial backing of ocean-related ventures, aiming to tackle issues like pollution, overfishing, and marine ecosystem degradation for a more sustainable future.

 **Sea Health and Restoration**

 **Disruptive Use of Blue Resources**

 **Sustainable Aquaculture**

Mentor for FAROS

English

ABLE TO SUPPORT FOR:

Business and partnership development in Europe and internationally, Contact with potential investors and funding, Entrepreneurship and project management, Business relations.

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