

La produzione di spirulina in fotobioreattori: Il PROGETTO ECO-LOGIC GREEN FARM

Spirulina production in photobioreactors: the ECO-LOGIC GREEN FARM







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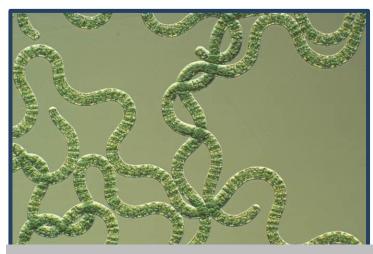
## PROGETTO ECO-LOGIC GREEN FARM



## Polli e Spirulina Biologici

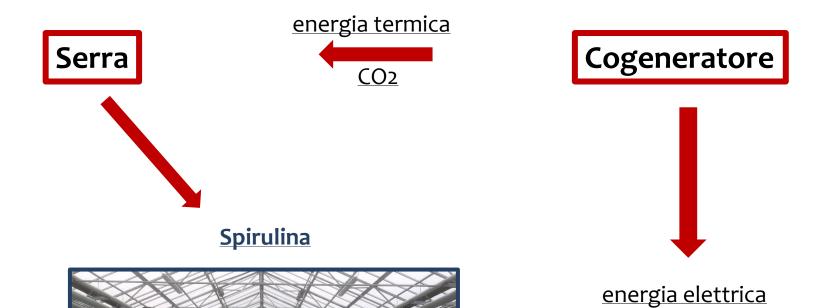






*Arthrospira platensis* F&M-C256

# Impianto di Produzione della Spirulina







20 Ha organic farm

14 Ha fields and woodland

3 Ha poultry farm

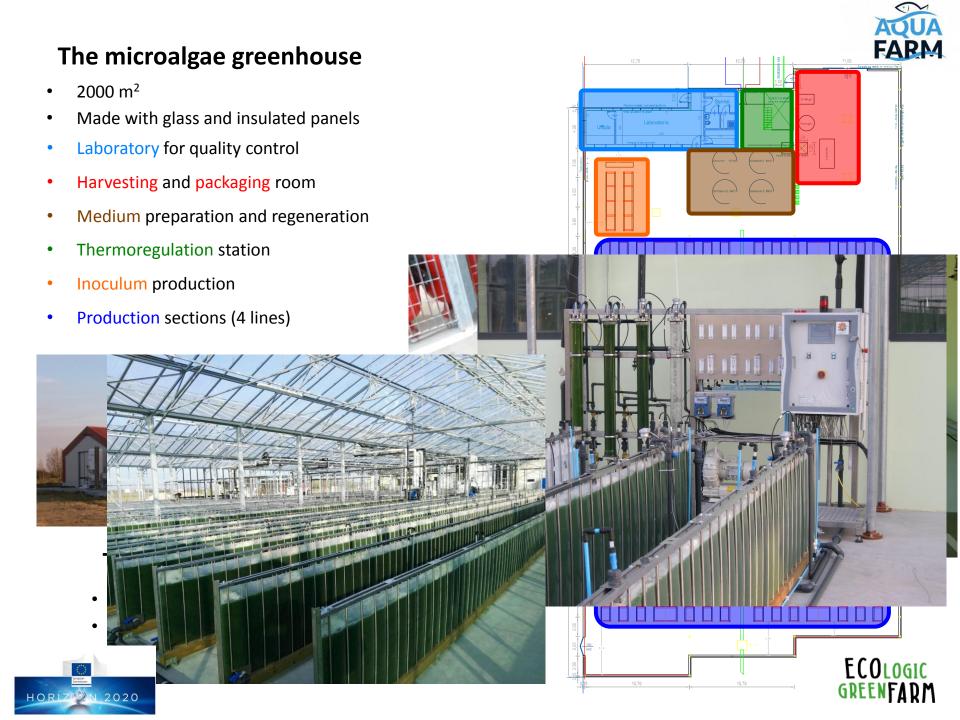
50 Kw<sub>e</sub> syngas generator

2000 m<sup>2</sup> greenhouse for microalgae



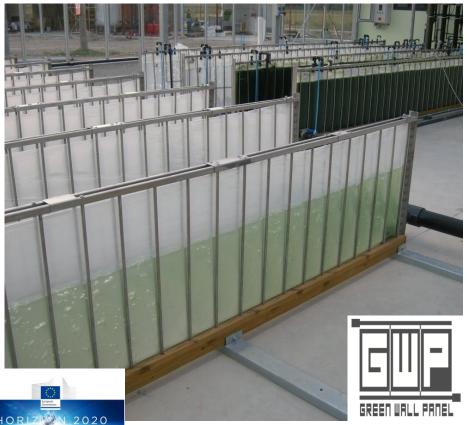
Eco-Logic Green Farm project layout





#### The GWP® photobioreactor

A **flat disposable photobioreactor** designed in 2004 and patented (WO 074423; WO 013104) The **flexible culture chamber** is contained within a **rigid frame**.





#### Currently used for:

- research and demonstration in EU FP7
   and H2020 projects
- commercial production of microalgae
- R&D projects by several companies





#### The GWP®-III.A - an automatically inclinable GWP®





For **research** purposes

Possibility to change the panel's inclination

Made of stainless steel

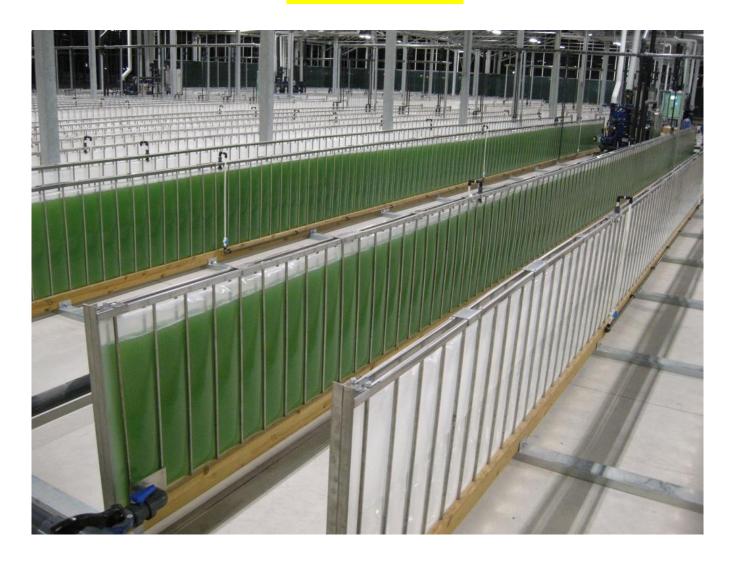
Fully automated and PLC controlled





#### The GWP®-II







Several rows can be connected





#### The Microalgae Greenhouse of the Eco-Logic Green Farm Project





The inoculum section







#### **Bubble column photobioreactors**

- Four 7,5 L glass tube
- pH and temperature PLC controlled
- Flow-meters for air and CO<sub>2</sub>
- Continuous and automatic
   dilution available

+14,3°

9,4 pH

+14,4°

9,5 pH





+14,1°

9,5 pH

+14,1°

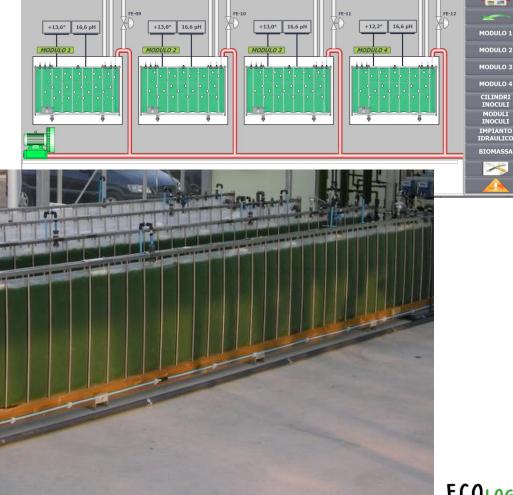


#### **GWP®-II photobioreactors**

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- Four GWP®-II of 6 m
- **200** L each
- Each PBR is **independent**
- Possibility to be used as a **single module** (airlift pumps)
- **PLC** controlled









## The production section





#### The 250 m<sup>2</sup> GWP<sup>®</sup>-II modules

**1000 m<sup>2</sup>** of production area

36 m<sup>3</sup> of culture

4 production module of 250 m<sup>2</sup> GWP®-II

- 14 rows of 18 m each
- Connected by manifolds at both ends
- Circulation through a central unit (skid) for control and parameter regulation
- Low energy consumption 9-14 Wh/m<sup>2</sup>





#### Air/flue-gas injection



- Each module is equipped with a **blower**
- The blower is fed with air or flue-gas (according to pH)
- Variable flow rate according to light intensity
- The air is **filtered** (0.2 μm)
- **Pure CO<sub>2</sub>** is injected when flue-gas is not available

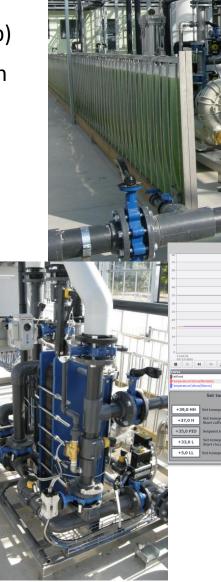




#### **Temperature control**

- The culture is continuously pumped (low shear stress pump)
- Variable flow rate depending on the cooling/heating needs
- Titanium plate heat exchanger
- **PID** control

• A **300 m<sup>3</sup> tank** to store cooling water







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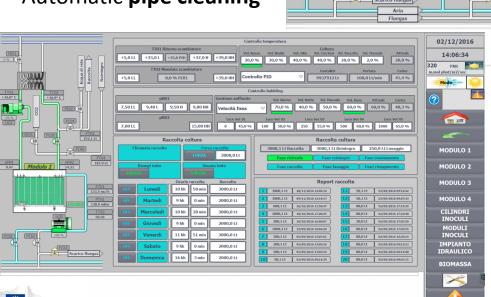
MODULO 1
MODULO 2

**IMPIANTO** 

Scarico fluegas

#### **Automatic dilution and cleaning**

- The culture is automatically diluted
- Automatic filling and discharge (for cleaning)
- Automatic pipe cleaning



#### The software

- All culture parameters are recorded
- Possibility to remote control of the whole plant

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#### The Microalgae Greenhouse of the Eco-Logic Green Farm Project





**Harvesting section** 





### **Biomass harvesting**

Vibrating screen for Arthrospira sp.

**Centrifugal** separator



### **Drying**

**Cold** (30°C) dryer for higher quality





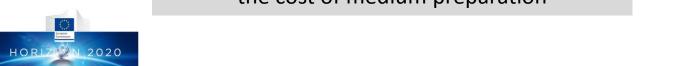
### **Medium preparation and** regeneration

- Four 10 m<sup>3</sup> tanks for medium recycling and regeneration
- A 2 m<sup>3</sup>/h ultrafiltration system for medium regeneration
- Up to 2 different culture media
- Automatic culture media preparation



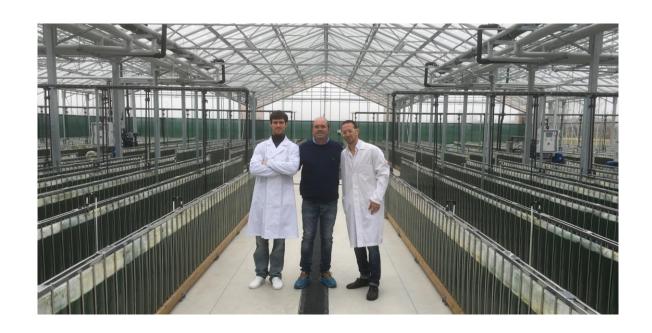








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