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EU and scientists to meet for first algae biomass conference

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The first Europe-wide conference on the potential of algae biomass energy is to be held in Florence in July, it has been announced.

The European Algae Biomass Association (EABA) has confirmed that a number of scientists, as well as representatives from the European Union will meet in the Italian city to discuss the development of what has been touted as “one of the most promising renewable sources”, available to homes and businesses.

Given that the growth of algae can be achieved in seawater, experts have long argued that Britain’s coastline gives the country the opportunity to become a world leader in the biomass sector.

Among the issues due to be discussed at the upcoming event will be the promotion of more research into biomass energy and the establishment of a permanent liaison between EU member states and scientific bodies.

News on the conference follows on from the announcement that a new £200 million biomass power station is to be built in the north-east of England.