



A WAVE OF EUROPEAN BLUE SCHOOLS

School year 2020-2021



Embark on a journey to Ocean literacy

All people on Earth are directly and indirectly connected to the ocean in a variety of ways: through what we eat, drink, breath and use, to how we relax and enjoy life ... The ocean is our planet's life support system and it is thus a priority to protect it.

While the ocean and seas are suffering under increasing human pressure, over the past 15 years scientists, educators and municipalities have empowered citizens through ocean literacy initiatives to increase their knowledge on the ocean and take responsible decisions to protect its health.

The EU4Ocean Coalition, supported by the European Commission- DG Mare, now **invites teachers to bring the ocean on a more long-term basis into the classrooms** all over Europe by taking up the *Find the Blue Challenge* and becoming part of the *Network of European Blue Schools*.

Find the Blue Challenge

The challenge is for students to **identify a relevant ocean topic** and **develop a school project** around it. A *Find the Blue* project is designed to increase the understanding of the ocean and the issues it is facing, and to develop a sense of responsibility to take action to protect it. Through the *Find the Blue*



challenge, students explore how they are connected to the ocean or the sea, whether they live close by or 800 km's away. The ocean is everywhere in our life and it is a fascinating world to discover!

Take part in the Network of European Blue Schools

In a **European Blue School**, teachers actively engage to address local to global challenges related to the ocean through project-based learning and collaborating with local partners. European Blue Schools are new school ecosystems that foster the acquisition of ocean knowledge, skills and competencies. In a European Blue School, teachers help students to become responsible citizens who care for the ocean and have the capacity to act on real-life issues.

The **Network of European Blue Schools** will bring teachers together to:

(1) **share** your Find the Blue project with other schools; (2) **find inspiration** on how to address ocean topics that are relevant to the curricula, the school and the local community in the **European Blue School Handbook**; and (3) receive the **European Blue School certification** recognising the value of a teacher's or the schools initiative. In addition, 4) participating teachers will gain access to specific **training, resources and assistance** by members of the EU4Ocean Coalition on how to address ocean topics in your classroom.

Start now

You are planning an ocean project this school year? Then take the **pledge** and let us know of your intention to commit your school to become a European Blue School.

Registration of your project is possible as from 24th September 2020 on the [Network of European Blue Schools webpages](#). Please first request access to become a member of the Community.

More information

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