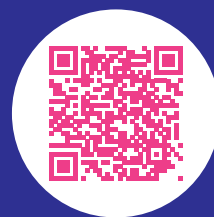




Piloting Blue Education to deliver sustainability in Europe



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BlueLightS is an EU Horizon Europe project that brings together 16 partners from across Europe to strengthen the skills and competencies of European children and youth to deliver “blue” (river and seas) resilience and sustainability. The project is directly aligned with and contributing to the EU Mission ‘Restore our oceans and water by 2030’.

BlueLightS is supporting exciting co-built blue challenge projects in schools; facilitating a conversation at different scales between the “blue” and education communities; and, experimenting adaptations in education systems that raise attention given to rivers and seas.

What is Blue Education?

Blue education refers to efforts to enhance the understanding of the ocean among children and young people to engage students in ocean knowledge and conservation and inspire them towards action and the integration of the ocean in their education, careers, and lives.

What is the goal of BlueLightS?

BlueLightS has an ambitious aim to enhance ocean and water literacy in European schools, and is fully aligned with the objectives of Mission Ocean and Waters:

- Protecting and restoring the ecosystems
- Preventing and eradicating pollutions
- Setting the path towards a sustainable blue economy

To achieve this, BlueLightS partners are:

1. Creating a knowledge base on Blue (school) education
2. Providing support for European blue schools
3. Engaging in Blue education Community of Practice
4. Developing and testing a Blue education framework for national upscaling of ocean and water literacy

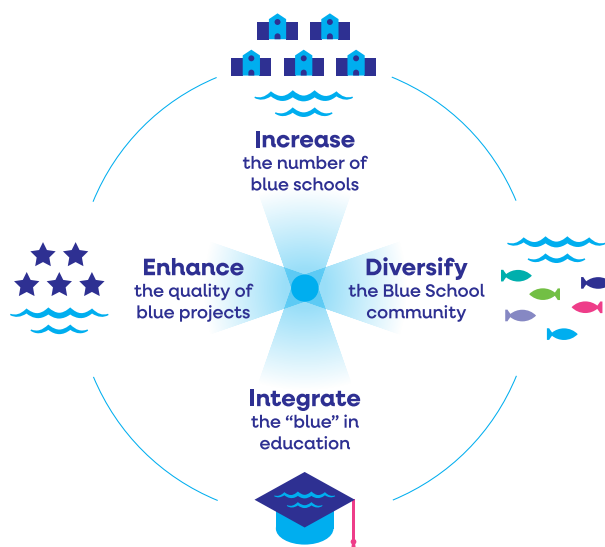
What is the Community of Practice?

The BlueLightS online Community of Practice (CoP) is designed to enable a diverse range of stakeholders such as educators, teachers, companies, NGOs, policymakers and media to come together to promote and strengthen European blue education. The community's digital platform allows these stakeholders to exchange ideas, create synergies, stay up to date with the latest news, get inspired and be empowered to help strengthen blue education throughout Europe.

As of January 2025, the Community of Practice comprises of 107 professionals and 40 organisations who share insights and collaborate on projects that drive positive change, including ACTeon, EMSEA, ADLA, HCRM (Hellenic Centre for Marine Research), ICM-CSIC.

Discover the map to locate the professionals and organisations involved [here](#) 📍.

Strengthening blue education in Europe



Facts & Figures

In February 2025, BlueLightS announced support to 17 school projects from 11 countries that will engage students, youth, teachers, school leaders, and the wider school community in ocean and water literacy and sustainability efforts. Find the [list of schools](#) that will be receiving support from the project!

Country	School name	Project title
Spain	Francisca de Pedraza Secondary school	InlandBlue - sustainability and preservation of the marine environment. Blue schools in inland areas
Spain	St. Thomas Aquinous	Ripple Effect: From classroom to coastline and beyond
Portugal	School Center No 1 and School center No 2 - Dr Francisco Alegre	From the river to the sea - we are biosphere reserve
Portugal	Camilo Castelo Branco secondary school	Aqua LAB on the Road
Croatia	Pujanke Elementary School	The Blue project for a blue and green living
Finland	Oriveden yhteiskoulu	Baltic sea matters
Finland	Salo upper secondary school	The Baltic Sea Course
Romania	"Adrian V. Radulescu" School Murfatlar	Blue Literacy and ecosystem engagement
France	College Charles Le Goffic	Fragile Foundations: plankton, microplastics, and the Quest to save aquatic biodiversity
Greece	Music school of Heraklion Crete	GEMMA - Group for Environmental and Marine Mediterranean awareness
Greece	45th Primary school of Heraklion Crete	Exploring our oceans: learning, collaborating, and creating together
Ireland	Brittas Bay mixed national school	Why the oceans are vital for the survival of our planet. Why every second breath we take is dependent upon our seas. Investigating photosynthesis under the water.
Ireland	Kilglass national school	Ocean and River: Nurture and respect
Estonia	Viljandi Gümnaasium	MicWat2024 - Microplastic in the waters around us
Cyprus	Lyceum of Agios Neophytos	MP-GLOW Microplastics detection using fluorescence. Investigation of samples from Coasts and Marine Organisms in Southwest Cyprus
Cyprus	Kykkou Lyceum	Palaeo-aware
Turkey	Kadir has primary school	STS Bosphorus - Savee the Seas: An Ocean conservation

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Natassa Kazantzidou
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Sea Teach
Luis Jimenez, Giancarlo Belasco
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4 BlueLightS Project Officer
CINEA
Michela Togliaventi
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Experts



Pierre Strosser

Pierre Strosser is an environmental economist with more than 20 years of experience in research and consultancy supporting ecological and climate transitions in Europe. He is the Head of **ACTeon** Environment which contributes today to various initiatives including **BlueLightS**. Pierre holds a Ph.D. in economics applied to water resources (Wageningen, the Netherlands), complemented by agriculture and environmental engineering degrees (Agro Paris and ENGREF, France).



Manon Berge

Manon Berge is a sociologist specializing in water governance and environmental policies. With expertise in participatory water management, governance analysis, and environmental sociology, she has been actively involved in projects like LIFE Natur'Adapt, which integrates climate change adaptation into conservation planning for natural areas across Europe, emphasizing collective learning and behavioral change dynamics.

Currently working at **ACTeon** Environment in Grenoble, France, Manon has over a decade of experience in consulting and research related to environmental policies. Her work focuses on stakeholder engagement in projects and policy design, analysis of social representations and behaviour changes for sustainable water management.

Manon's contributions are marked by her ability to bridge technical and social dimensions of water management and improve collaboration among diverse stakeholders in environmental governance.



Molly Wingate

Molly Wingate is a political scientist specialised in marine policy and citizen engagement processes. She works for ACTeon on European projects such as BlueLightS and EU4Ocean, which aim to bolster water literacy within the realms of public knowledge, practices and education systems.

Her role currently includes strategising on and coordinating an advocacy campaign, community of practice management and developing international recommendations for increasing the visibility of aquatic environments in the European education system.

Previously, she helped set up the city of Lyon's Biodiversity Citizen Engagement Hub, which seeks to actively involve citizens in the city's ecological transition, through calls to action to rewild their city.

BlueLightS in the Media

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