



# 1st Call for Blue Challenges in European Schools

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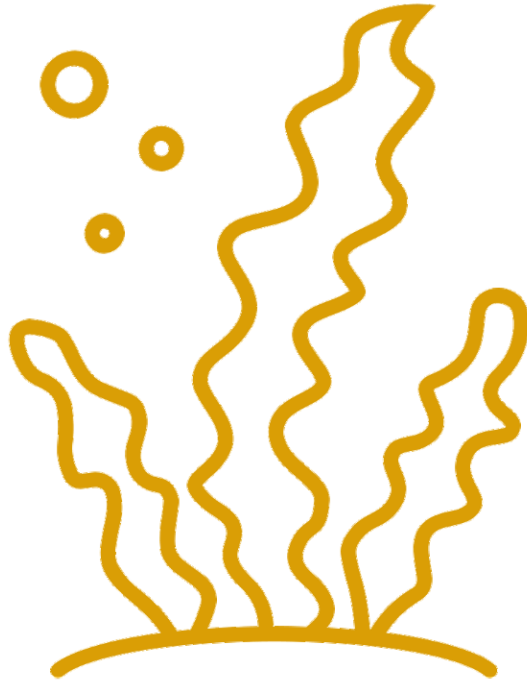
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## Why BlueLightS project?

- A project funded by the European Union under the Horizon Europe Programme
- Main goal to **bring awareness on Blue Education** and **invite schools to become Blue via the Network of European Blue Schools (NEBS)**
- 3 funding opportunities for 3 different calls
- Create a network of children & young people and engage them towards Ocean and Water literacy

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# The impact of BlueLightS project

- Building a strong community of schools
- Cultivating a blue mindset among youth
- Co-learning, Co-designing, Co-working in the school context and among societies
- Empowering young people towards active citizenship and sustainable development



# In a ... shell

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1<sup>st</sup> call for Blue challenges/ Blue schools was launched 15<sup>th</sup> September

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Open for submission until 15<sup>th</sup> November

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Info Day on the 17<sup>th</sup> of October 2024

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Announcement of the results by the end of January 2025

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Signing of contracts  
1-28 of February  
2025

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Projects' implementation  
period  
01 of March - 31 of July  
2025

# 1. Minimum criteria for school projects



- Promote ocean & water literacy and sustainability
- Contribute to achieving of **EU Mission “Restore our ocean & waters by 2030”** objectives
- Promote collaborative learning practices with staff and students via **eTwinning** as key tool to intercultural learning and giving opportunities to bring a clear European dimension
- The application for BlueLightS funding includes an application to become an EU Blue School, so the latter don't need to be a Blue School.

Meet the 5 mandatory criteria of the Network of European Blue Schools  
*(Develop a project with interlinked activities, Produce a clear output, Involve all students, Collaborate with a local partner, Communicate project results)*

Schools that have received funding from ProBleu or SHORE projects, **cannot** apply.



# Who can apply?

## 2. Age/country/type school

All legal schools can apply, including VET schools.

**Age of students:** between 6 and 18 years old (Not Kindergarten)

**Country:** All EU countries and

Third countries associated with Horizon Europe: *Albania, Armenia, Bosnia and Herzegovina, Faroe Islands, Georgia, Iceland, Israel, Kosovo, Moldova, Montenegro, Morocco, North Macedonia, Norway, Serbia, Tunisia, Turkey, the UK, Ukraine*

### 3.Contract and payments

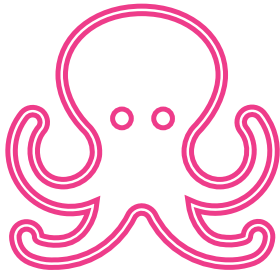


The payment (3.000 maximum) to each school will be done by bank transfer:

- **50%** after signing the contract
- **50%** after acceptance of final report

If the school has not completed the activities described in the contract, the school will refund the part of the grant, corresponding to the activities not implemented (recovery)

**Starting  
point**



**Blue Challenges  
application form**



Total budget: 100.000 euro  
Expected No of selected challenges: 35-40



**Extra  
support  
on the  
17<sup>th</sup> of  
October**

**Register for the  
Info day**



Thank you for your  
attention!

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