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## Supporting Ocean Literacy in the Baltic – EU4Ocean 'Let's make the Baltic Sea Blue'

26-27 August 2021

[Registration link](#)

### Agenda

**DAY 1: 26/08 Let's make the Baltic Sea Blue! EU4Ocean high level event and Baltic Sea Day festival  
(ONLINE – CEST)**

[ZOOM Link Day 1](#)

Time CEST	Activities
10:00- 10:25	<p><b>High level opening:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Welcome from the EU4Ocean Coalition, setting up the scene – ACTeon Coordinator of the EU4Ocean Coalition <b>Olga Mashkina</b></li> <li>Finnish Environment Institute (SYKE) Marine Centre Director <b>Paula Kankaanpää</b></li> <li>DG MARE Commissioner Environment, Oceans and Fisheries <b>Virginijus Sinkevičius</b> (video address)</li> <li>DG MARE <b>Zoi Konstantinou</b></li> <li>HELCOM Executive Secretary <b>Rüdiger Stempel</b></li> <li>John Nurminen Foundation CEO <b>Annamari Arrakoski-Engardt</b> (video address)</li> </ul> <p>Moderator: Lisa Simone de Grunt, SUBMARINER Network for Blue Growth EEIG</p>
10:25- 11:15	<p><b>Conversation with key ocean professionals around the Baltic Sea:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Centre for Sea and Society University of Gothenburg Director <b>Lena Gipperth</b></li> <li>Baltic Sea Action Group Content Director <b>Laura Höijer</b></li> <li>BONUS EEIG Executive Director and Coordinator of BANOS CSA <b>Andris Andrusaitis</b></li> <li>VASAB Head of Secretariat <b>Alda Nikodemusa</b></li> <li>PA Bioeconomy EUSBSR <b>Fredric Nilsson</b></li> <li>CPMR Baltic Sea Commission Executive Secretary <b>Lucille Ehrhart</b></li> <li>John Nurminen Foundation Director of Clean Baltic Sea Projects <b>Marjukka Porvari</b></li> </ul> <p>Moderator: Angela Schultz-Zehden, SUBMARINER Network for Blue Growth EEIG</p>
11:15- 11:50	<p><b>Pitching Contest of Baltic Young Ocean Advocates</b></p> <p>Moderator: Maelle Montier, Nausicaa</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Veronika Saulite (Eco Citizen)</li> </ul>

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ Iida Pykko (BalticSeapp)</li> <li>○ Zuzanna Witek (Thriving Corals)</li> <li>○ Laura Stukonyte (Po Bangom)</li> <li>○ Luca Arfini (Young Leaders in Blue Economy)</li> </ul>
<b>11:50-12:00</b>	<b>Coffee break</b> judges Baltic Sea Action Group Content Director Laura Höjjer, VASAB Head of Secretariat Alda Nikodemusa and CPMR Baltic Sea Commission Executive Secretary Lucille Ehrhart deliberate.
<b>12:00-12:10</b>	<b>Award ceremony Baltic Young Ocean Advocates</b> Moderator: Maelle Montier, Nausicaa
<b>12:10-12:30</b>	<b>A Youth Perspective on Baltic Ocean Literacy</b> Moderator: Lisa Simone de Grunt, SUBMARINER Network for Blue Growth EEIG
<b>12:30-12:45</b>	<b>Closing session</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Concluding remarks and invitation to Day 2 – Olga Mashkina, ACTeon</li> <li>• Participate in the #MakeEUBlue campaign! - Farah Obaidullah, Women4Oceans</li> </ul>

On the 26<sup>th</sup> EU4Ocean will join the Baltic Sea Day festival - an event, organized by John Nurminen foundation, which will host over 200 Baltic Sea related activities online (<https://itameripaiva.fi/en/events/>)

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**Day 2: 27/08 (morning): ‘Let’s make the Baltic Sea Blue: practical steps and a way forward in different communities’ (ONLINE - CEST)**

**ZOOM Link General Sessions**

Time CEST	Activities
10:00-10:20	<p><b>Welcome Session (plenary)</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• A short overview of the EU4Ocean Coalition activities, and a way forward in the Baltic Sea (conclusions from Day 1)</li> <li>• A word from EU4Ocean Thematic group leads Ángel Muñiz Piniella, Tymon Zilienski and Elisa Baldrighi</li> <li>• Introducing parallel sessions, moderators for each session and breaking out into the parallel groups</li> </ul> <p>Moderator: Olga Mashkina, ACTeon</p>
10:20-11:45  Session 1	<p><b>Session 1: Bringing the Sea to School in the Baltics</b></p> <p><a href="#">ZOOM Link</a></p> <p>Building on the experiences of existing educational networks and outreach activities in the Baltics this session bring together different actors such as the Baltic Sea Project, BSAG Baltic Sea School, SYKE’s educational outreach, Aquariums, European Atlas of the Seas, other sustainable /climate education networks to discuss together with the Ministries of Education how to make the EU Blue Schools approach (Finding the Blue!) advance in the Baltics, exchange best practices and bring inspiring examples from teachers and students, and bring forward ideas of local partnerships with businesses and youth.</p> <p>Moderator: Vanessa Batista, Ciencia Viva</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ The European Blue School Network   Evy Copejans, EMSEA</li> <li>○ Baltic School Project   Laura Höijer and Hanna Höijer, BSAG</li> <li>○ Baltic Sea Project   Aira Undén-Selander and Mika Jokiaho</li> <li>○ Baltic Quizz   Kasia Borowiak and Monika Wisniewska, Gdynia Aquarium</li> <li>○ City of Turku Environmental Education Centre   Nina Salonen</li> <li>○ Outdoor learning, local water monitoring   Jari Silander, SYKE</li> <li>○ Learn and study interesting Baltic Sea!   Eija Rantajärvi, SYKE</li> <li>○ I live by the Sea project   Izabela Kotynska-Zielinska, Today We Have</li> <li>○ The European Atlas of the Seas   Nathalie van Isacker, EMODNET</li> </ul>
10:20-11:45  Session 2	<p><b>Session 2: How to engage and empower the Youth in the Baltic Sea Region</b></p> <p><a href="#">ZOOM Link</a></p> <p>This session will share with the participants experiences of the members of the Youth4Ocean and discuss together with the audience which areas/topics, project types are (and will be) important for youth engagement in the Baltic region in the future, and where we need to put efforts to take these to the next level. The session invites experts, professionals, NGOs, educators, businesses, start-ups, communication experts and activists to share their experiences, and to get inspired and get involved!</p> <p>Moderator: Lisa Simone de Grunt, SUBMARINER Network for Blue Growth EEIG</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ Experiences from Youth4Ocean Members: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ Introduction by Maelle Montier, Youth4Ocean Forum</li> <li>○ Experiences from current Young Ocean Advocates</li> <li>○ A word from a Youth4Ocean Founding Member</li> <li>○ Introduction to the EU4Ocean Working Groups</li> </ul> </li> <li>○ Baltic Youth engagement in the future: interactive discussion</li> <li>○ On-going Baltic Youth activities of EU4Ocean Coalition members: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ ‘Meet the Experts’   Iwona Gin, Nausicaa</li> <li>○ ‘Song Contest’ initiative</li> <li>○ ‘How Youth4Ocean Forum can contribute to COP 26 of the UNFCCC’   Guillaume Lheureux, World Ocean Network</li> <li>○ ‘Dance for the Oceans’ initiative</li> <li>○ ‘Youth Projects’   Aleksander Esipyonok, Friends of the Baltic Russia</li> <li>○ ‘Dance Ways of the Waves’ initiative</li> </ul> </li> <li>○ Mobilising Youth for the future</li> </ul>

<p><b>10:20-11:45</b></p> <p>Session 3</p>	<p><b>Session 3: Engaging with wider public and businesses in the Baltics – #MakeEuropeBlue campaign in the Baltic Sea</b></p> <p><a href="#">ZOOM Link</a></p> <p>This parallel session invites businesses, NGOs, authorities, policy makers, media, and active citizens to come together to discuss what they can do to support #MakeBaltic Blue with their actions and what would be the pre-conditions to success</p> <p>Moderator: Farah Obaidullah, Women4Oceans</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ Introduction of the campaign   Farah Obaidullah, Women4Oceans</li> <li>○ Experiences from the field: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ Manuel Bustelo   DANEurope</li> <li>○ Hannah Griffiths Berggren   WWF, Sweden</li> <li>○ Hanna Piepponen   MarineFinland</li> <li>○ Līga Pakalna   BEF - Latvia</li> <li>○ Kirsi Kurki-Miettinen   John Nurminen Foundation</li> <li>○ Lucille Ehrhart   CPMR Baltic Sea Commission</li> </ul> </li> <li>○ Open discussion with the speakers/audience: Where we should put our efforts in the #MakeBalticBlue Campaign? Who to engage, and how?</li> </ul>
<p><b>11:45-12:00</b></p>	<p><b>Coffee break</b></p>
<p><b>12:00-12:30</b></p>	<p><b>Closing Session</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Presentations of key conclusions from parallel sessions (by moderators)</li> <li>• Next steps and ways forward – moderated discussion</li> </ul> <p>Moderator: Olga Mashkina, ACTeon</p>

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## Day 2 August 27 (afternoon) 15-17 CET

### 'The Network of the European Blue Schools in the Baltics: Teachers' training workshop (ONLINE)

[ZOOM Link](#)

The main goals of bringing the ocean into the classroom are improving the understanding of the ocean and developing a sense of responsibility towards our planet. The more aware and literate of the ocean students are, the more they become active and responsible European citizens.

In a European Blue School, teachers actively make the ocean a relevant part of the school curriculum through project-based learning. Schools that take up this *Find the Blue* challenge identify an ocean topic that is relevant to them and create with their students a school project. Student ownership, collaboration with ocean stakeholders and sharing with the community will be key values of these projects. After successfully completing the project, schools will receive the European Blue School certification.

This workshop will focus on becoming a European Blue School by developing school projects on the Baltic Sea. The online workshop features presentations and demo's on the Baltic Sea by marine scientists and experienced educators who are renowned experts in their disciplines, small group discussions and professional guidance to become a European Blue School.

The workshop is designed for teachers who wish to become part of the Network of European Blue Schools, for all ages and at all student grade levels. Teachers in science, arts, languages, sports, economics, and other school subjects are all invited to participate.

After the workshop, you will:

- Understand why and what you should teach about the Baltic Sea.
- Know how to become a successful European Blue School.
- Be able to develop a school project on the Baltic Sea.
- Have inspiration to identify a topic, activities and partners for your school project.

Number of participants: maximum 100 teachers. After the completion of the workshop, participants get a certificate of participation. Workshop is conducted in English

### AGENDA

15:00 – 15:15	Short welcome message. Why teach about the Baltic Sea? – Dominika Wojcieszek (Gdynia Aquarium)
15:15 – 15:45	On resources and summer schools on Baltic - Joachim Dengg (Geomar) and Tymon Zielinski (IOPAN)
15:45 – 16:00	European Atlas of the Seas - Nathalie Van Isacker (EMODNET)
16:00 – 16:15	VIRTUE project - Björn Källström (Göteborgs Marinbiologiska Laboratorium)
16:15 – 16:30	Implementing the Network of European Blue Schools in Gdynia, Poland - Dominika Wojcieszek (Gdynia Aquarium)
16:30 – 17:00	How to become a European Blue Schools, questions and discussion, workshop wrap-up - Evy Copejans (EMSEA)

For more details about the project, please visit <https://ec.europa.eu/ocean-literacy/blue-schools>

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