EU4Ocean - Network of European Blue Schools
Black Sea Workshop
28th of October, 2020, 13.00 - 15.00 Bucharest time (EET)

EU4Ocean is set up by the European Commission to bring together all European groups and organisations active in ocean preservation and ocean literacy. It consists of three major components: a coalition of professional organisations, a European Youth Forum for the Ocean and a Network of European Blue Schools.

For the Network of European Blue Schools, we look at how schools, teachers and students can be involved in building a more ocean literate society. The Network will assist schools to address marine topics in class that are relevant to the school, the local community and the region and find inspiration to develop and implement a Find the Blue project in partnership with ocean stakeholders. Participating schools will receive the European Blue School certification as a mark of their effort and excellence.

The Network of European Blue Schools is not only an education project, but as much an economic, societal and environmental initiative. The project strengthens collaborations between the participating schools and the universities, municipalities, NGO's, industry and other marine professionals. Marine stakeholders are involved in the provision of knowledge, excursions or teaching resources. Schools have to actively engage with them and ensure that the results of their Find the Blue project are transferred to the community.

In the Black Sea region, many initiatives where schools and ocean stakeholders collaborate already exist. The European Blue School initiative can bring these projects under the attention of both the Black Sea community and other sea basins, thus creating more opportunities to share and learn from each other, ensuring that knowledge and skills can be built upon.

The outcome of this workshop will feed directly into a Black Sea Blue School Roadmap, contributing to the EU4Ocean objective of enhancing ocean literacy by creating a Network of European Blue Schools.