



EU4Ocean - Network of European Blue Schools

BSUN – Black Sea Universities Network

featuring

Blue Schools Erasmus+ project partners

Specialised Training Session on Blue Economy

June 7 and 16th, 2021

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 Black Sea Universities Network (BSUN) was established in 1998 with the purpose of developing educational, scientific, and cultural cooperation and exchanges among the Universities of the Black Sea Economic Cooperation (BSEC) Member States and other institutions with similar concern. The network includes more than 115 member universities from the 12 member states of BSEC as Albania, Armenia, Azerbaijan, Bulgaria, Georgia, Greece, Moldova, Romania, Russia, Turkey, Ukraine and Serbia.

The Blue Schools (Erasmus+) project aims to introduce the Blue Economy to school education and support students to be aware of the blue economy and culture and learn how to build a sustainable future in coastal areas. Students will mainly be educated in the blue concept through projects, this means, learning by doing and then reflecting practically.

Program 7 June

OPEN SESSION

14:00 CET Time - Opening Session

Mrs. Evy COPEJANS, Project Manager, EMSEA

Prof. Eden MAMUT, Secretary General, BSUN

Mr. Valentin MOLDOVEANU, Acting President of the CPMR Balkan & Black Sea Commission

Mr. Stavros KALOGNOMOS, Executive Secretary of the CPMR Balkan & Black Sea Commission

14:15 CET Time - Plenary Session

Mrs. Eirini GKOTSI, European Project Manager - IDEC S.A., *'Why teach about blue economy in schools?'*

Mrs. Marina BERHAULT, Blue Schools Erasmus+, *'How to address this topic in classroom? a roadmap and toolkit from Blue Schools Erasmus+'*

Mrs. Marina BERHAULT, Blue Schools Erasmus+, *'Demonstration of resources and activities from the Med sea' by MED EDUC*

Prof. Carmen BUCOVALĂ, "Ovidius" High School

Representatives of Network of European Blue Schools / Blue Schools Erasmus+, *'Presentation of the Experiences of teachers'*

Mrs. Evy COPEJANS, Project Manager, EMSEA, *'How to apply and receive the blue school certification for your project?'*

15:15 CET Time – Short Break

CLOSED SESSION for the Romanian Didactic Staff only

15:30 CET Time – Face-to-Face Training

Prof. Eden MAMUT, Secretary General, BSUN, *Overview Blue economy in Romania*

Representatives of Network of European Blue Schools / Blue Schools Erasmus+, *'How to develop and manage a school project on blue economy as a Romanian teacher?'*

Short introduction to homework, *Development of a Blue School project for the next school year*

Program 16 June

CLOSED SESSION for the Romanian Didactic Staff only

15:30 CET Time – Face-to-Face Session

Representatives of Network of European Blue Schools, *Participants share the outline of their blue project to each other'*