

# ProBleu Launches Third Call for Proposals to Enhance Ocean and Water Literacy in Schools

Barcelona, 2nd August 2024 - ProBleu, an initiative funded by the European Commission, is excited to announce the opening of its third funding call to promote water literacy and ocean education in primary and secondary schools across Europe and associated countries. With a focus on implementing the Mission Starfish "Restoring Ocean and Waters" by 2030, ProBleu seeks to engage school communities in educational initiatives and promote responsible stewardship of our oceans and freshwater resources.

## Key Dates for the Funding Call:

- Call Opens: September 20, 2024
- Submission Deadline: November 21, 2024, 23:59 CET
- Results Announced: January 24, 2025
- Contract Signatures: January 31, 2025
- Project Start Date: February 3, 2025
- Project End Date: January 31, 2026

Schools can apply for funding for projects under two main categories: ocean/marine projects and freshwater projects. Each project should address topics such as reducing plastic pollution, promoting renewable ocean energy, or improving water governance. We also encourage schools to include citizen science activities in their Blue School project.

The goal of these funding calls is to expand the **Network of European Blue Schools (NEBS)** (NEBS), promoting ocean and water literacy across Europe. Schools applying for ProBleu funding are encouraged to start the accreditation process to become part of the NEBS. Only the schools that receive funding will be **automatically accredited** as Blue Schools, connecting them to a wealth of resources and further funding opportunities.

We urge interested teachers and schools to carefully review the specific requirements and timelines. Detailed information and the application form are available on the [ProBleu website](#). Additionally, funding calls from our sister projects [SHORE](#) and [BlueLightS](#) are also opening in September. Each call has specific requirements, application procedures, and calendars. Schools may apply to all calls but can **only receive funding for one project**.

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