

ProBleu launches final funding call for proposals to enhance ocean and water literacy in schools

Barcelona, 21st March 2025 - ProBleu, an initiative funded by the European Commission, is excited to announce the opening of its fourth and final funding call to promote water literacy and ocean education in primary, secondary and vocational schools across Europe and associated countries. With a focus on implementing the EU Mission **Restore our 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: March 21, 2025
- Online info sessions: April 9 and 16, May 7, 2025, 10:00 CET
- Submission Deadline: May 23, 2025, 17:00 CET
- Results Announced: August 05, 2025
- Contract Signatures: August 29, 2025
- Project Start Date: September 1, 2025
- Project End Date: March 31, 2026

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

This funding call particularly targets future schools in countries under-represented in the Blue Schools network or ProBleu funding: **Austria, Belgium, Denmark, Germany, Iceland, Ireland, Kosovo, Luxembourg, Malta, Montenegro, Norway, Slovenia, and Ukraine. This does not preclude other countries from applying;** please see the call documents for further info.

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 review the specific requirements and timelines carefully. Detailed information and the application form are available on the [ProBleu website](https://probleu.school).

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