



ERASMUS+: BlueS_Med project

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*Supporting the development of socially inclusive
Blue Challenges in schools in the Mediterranean sea-basin*

SUMMARY REPORT

Transnational Project Meeting 4 (TPM4), Crete, Greece

Date: 14/06/2023 to 16/06/2023

Country: Greece (Crete Island)

Venue (s): [HCMR Amphitheatre](#)



Agenda Day 1 – Wednesday 14th of June - 14:00 to 18:00

(at HCMR Premises)

Time	Topic
13:30 – 14:00	Welcome coffee (and sort of lunch) and registration
14:00 – 14:15	Introduction: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Presenting Agenda - Objectives and expectations of the day
14:15-15:00	Results from Multiplier events: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - National events: 5 mins presentation per event - Mediterranean event: 10 mins presentation Discussion: What did we achieve? What is ahead?
15:00 – 16:00	IO5: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Status of the roadmap - Partners contributions and roles
16:00 – 16:30	Coffee break
16:30 – 17:15	IO4: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - What content do we have so far, how to go forward and finalize by the end of July. - Link to upload.
17:30- 18:00	BlueSchools Certification: Elementary School of Gournes to be certified for participation in the BluesMed project
19:00	<i>Dinner at KriKri Village (Costs paid by HCMR)</i>

Agenda Day 2 – Thursday 15th of June – 8.00 to 18:00

Time	Topic
<i>Meeting at HCMR premises for the morning session</i>	
9:00 – 11:00	Reporting: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Partners' Budget - Financial issues of the project to solve! - How to smoothly move toward Penelope platform
11:00 – 12:00	Field trip <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Departure from Cretaquarium and arrival at Ag. Nikolaos (~1 hour)
12:00 – 13:00	School of Ag. Nikolaos certification <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Presentation of the blue project of the junior high school of Ag. Nikolaos - Certification of the EU Blue Schools Network
13:00 – 13:30	- Departure from Ag. Nikolaos to Plaka (~30 mins)
13:30 – 14:00	- Boat from Plaka to Spinalonga Island (10 minutes trip)
14:00 – 15:00	Lunch on the island (Lunch box by HCMR)
15:00 – 16:00	- A tour at Spinalonga Island
16:00 – 16:30	- Boat from Spinalonga to Plaka Elounda
16:30 – 18:30	- Free time in Plaka
19:00	Dinner in Ag. Nikolaos (partners on their own)

Agenda Day 3 – Friday 16th of June – 9:00 to 13:00
(at HCMR Premises)

Time	Topic
9:00 - 10:30	Closing of the project: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - What we need to deliver (events reports, deliverables, interactive platform...) - What we need to upload and where - What is needed from partners - Archiving all content on TEAMS
10:30 – 11:00	Coffee break
11:00 – 13:00	Closing of the event: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Tour de table: Feedback and last messages - AOB





1. List of attendees

ACTEON: Vera Noon, Olga Mashkina (in person)

ERI: Franco Borgogno, Anita Poscai (in person)

OFB: Marion Besancon (in person)

Parc des Calanques: Camille Schmidt (in person)

CNR: Francesca Alvisi, Silvia Merlino (in person)

DUTH: Thanos Mogias (in person)

HCMR: Yolanda Koulouri (in person)

Univ. Malta: Johann Galdies (online)

2. Objectives and expectations

- Recap on Multiplier events
- Way forward to closing project
- Dividing the final work adequately
- Paving the way to the next steps

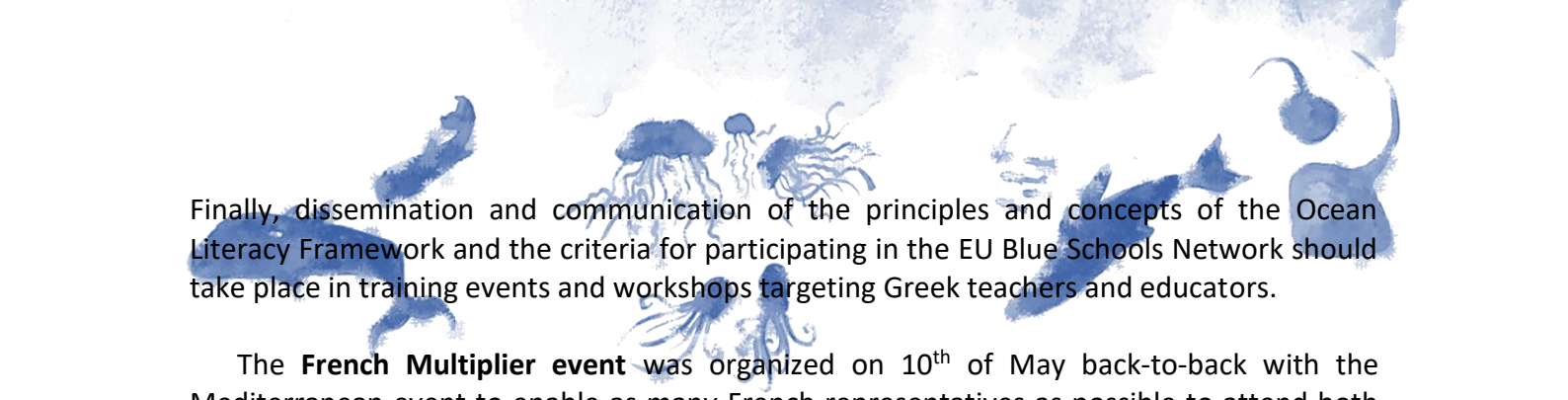
3. Multiplier events

The **Mediterranean Multiplier Event** took place in Marseille between 11th and 12th May 2023 and was jointly organized by the Parc National des Calanques and ACTEon, with a strong support from the French partners OFB and IMEV. It included 138 total participants, 93 French and 45 non-French. Among them, 89 pupils and more than 16 teachers/educators. The main objectives of the event were: a) showcasing BlueSchoolsMed project activities and results; b) looking back at the experience – what we learned? c) getting inspiration from others (other EU and non -EU countries); d) paving the way towards a road map for blue schools in the Mediterranean; e) establishing high level transboundary Mediterranean and EU dialogues on blue education.

The **Italian Multiplier event** took place in the school of Forli, ITT Marconi and the number of participants were approximately 60. The strategy of the project was appreciated while funding management was a challenge. There is a need for training of teachers and summer schools. However, all stakeholders are available to collaborate.

The **Greek multiplier event** was held on 18th of March 2023 and hosted by the Hellenic Centre for Marine Research (HCMR) in its premises in Anavissos of Attica (near the capital of Athens). The meeting, entitled “The educational voyage of the Mediterranean Blue Schools in Greece”, was co-organized by the HCMR and Democritus University of Thrace (DUTH) in close collaboration with Regional Directorates of Primary and Secondary Education of Athens and Attica. The event was addressed to teachers and pupils of Elementary and Secondary Education, as well as professionals related to Environmental Education/Education for Sustainability in general and Ocean Literacy in particular.

In conclusion, most of the participants are very positive and eager to learn more about Ocean Literacy issues and participate in the EU Blue Schools Network. High level officers from Environmental/Sustainable Education and the Institute of Educational Policy are willing to integrate Ocean Literacy and EU Blue Schools Network issues in school curricula, textbooks and educational activities.



Finally, dissemination and communication of the principles and concepts of the Ocean Literacy Framework and the criteria for participating in the EU Blue Schools Network should take place in training events and workshops targeting Greek teachers and educators.

The **French Multiplier event** was organized on 10th of May back-to-back with the Mediterranean event to enable as many French representatives as possible to attend both events. It was co-organized by: OFB - Acteon - Villefranche – Parc national des Calanques. The venue was the Marine Laboratory of Endoume in Marseille, close by the Educational Marine Area of La Roseraie school. 50 people participated: primary school teachers, representatives of local institutions (national education, environmental agencies), BlueSmed partners, blue projects stakeholders, volunteers' pupils.

Key messages: a) strong involvement and support to the teacher of each person in the National education ecosystem is essential to the success of the project: to make them start and to make them last for years; b) ecocitizenship is a key: common good management, collaboration, collaborative work is the most important for the pupils: start from the interest of pupils no matter what it is (maritime culture, arts, sport, science...); c) education: these projects give new meaning to learning at school; d) Protection of the environment: everything is connected. The pupils are active protagonists, they can make things happen even if it takes time: there is no fatality because everything is done collectively.

The **Maltese Multiplier event** showcased the latest ocean literacy digital tools available for use within Blue Schools as well as involved students in an interactive and full-immersive experience through which they get acquainted with marine life. This event was organised by the Oceanography Malta Research Group within the Department of Geosciences, University of Malta, on the 24th of February, at, and with the collaboration of, the Malta National Aquarium. 178 pupils, 16 teachers, 8 partners from University of Malta and 14 other stakeholders participated.

4. IO5 output

A SWOT analysis of perceptions of project partners has been prepared by ERI who is the responsible partner for IO5 output. Different actors of the educational community, collaboration between DG MARE and EAC are essential for steps forward. EU SchoolNET and representatives of educational ministries also need to be used.

5. IO4 output

The BlueSmed interactive platform is now up and running and we need to ask partners and teachers to upload all of their Blue Challenges-related material on to the platform.

6. IO3 output

To draft the text on IMPACT is needed.



7. Certifications

Certification of the Elementary School of Gournes (Crete, Greece) took place for their participation in the project. Certification of the junior high School of Ag. Nikolaos took place for becoming member of the EU Blue Schools Network.

8. Reporting

Financial, administrative and reporting issues of the project were discussed among the partners and what are the actions needed by them for finalizing the report of the project.

9. What's next?

1. EU4Ocean call challenge of the year (<https://maritime-forum.ec.europa.eu/en/node/10442>): Partners to submit proposals by the 14th July 2023
2. EuroGOOS Conference held in Galway between 3th and 5th May 2023: Presentation of results of the project
3. UNESCO IOC – event in EU parliament in December

10. Annexes

Attendance list