

BlueLightS First Call for Blue Challenges in Schools

Application form (Word format only for information purposes)

What is this document for?

This document serves as a Word version of the BlueLightS Call for Blue Challenges/Blue Schools application form. It is intended to help you familiarize yourself with all the questions in the application and prepare your responses in advance.

Please note that this is not the official application form, this document is for information purposes only.

To apply for funding under the BlueLightS call, you must still complete and submit your project through the online application form.

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1. Section 1 – contact information and GDPR consent

In this section, you will be asked to provide your contact information, which is necessary for the application process. Additionally, you will need to give your consent for the collection and processing of your personal data in accordance with the General Data Protection Regulation (GDPR). This consent is required for us to handle your application and contact you throughout the process.

1.1. Field 1 – email address

Email address

1.2. Field 2 – GDPR consent

Before starting, we ask you to complete the consent section below.

To respond to a call for proposals, personal data (such as name, e-mail address, and address) must be recorded and processed. Such information will be handled under Regulation (EU) 2016/679 of the European Parliament and of the Council of 27 April 2016 on the protection of natural people concerning the processing of personal data and the free movement of such data.

Unless indicated otherwise, the questions and any personal data requested that are required to evaluate the application following the call for proposal will be processed solely for that purpose by the consortium and the call evaluators.

GDPR Information Clause

On the basis of Article 13(1) and (2) or Article 14(1) and (2) of Regulation (EU) 2016/679 of the European Parliament and of the Council of 27th April 2016 on the protection of natural persons with regard to the processing of personal data and on the free movement of such data, and repealing Directive 95/46/EC (General Data Protection Regulation), hereinafter referred to as “GDPR”, we inform you about the manner and purpose for which we process your personal data, as well as your data protection rights, as follows:

Personal Data Controller:

The entity responsible for the processing of your personal data is IDEC. You can contact the controller of your personal data in the following way:

by post: Iroon Polytecneiou, 18536, Piraeus, Greece

by e-mail: info@idec.gr

Data Protection Officer: For any inquiries or concerns regarding the processing of your personal data, you may contact our Data Protection Officer (DPO) at:

Name: Kostas Bariamis

Email: k.bariamis@idec.gr

Phone: +30 2104286227

Purposes of Data Processing and Legal Basis: To respond to a call for proposals, personal data (such as name, email address, and address) must be recorded and processed. Failure to provide personal data shall make it impossible to achieve the aforementioned objective unless indicated otherwise, the questions and any personal data requested that are required to evaluate the application following the call for proposal will be processed solely for that purpose by the consortium.

Personal Data Storage Period: Personal data will be stored only as long as necessary to fulfill the purposes for which it was collected, including compliance with legal obligations, resolving disputes, and enforcing agreements.

Data Recipients: We may share your data with entities providing postal or courier services, public authorities, or other entities that are legally entitled to obtain such data. Additionally, your data may be shared with administrators of the [SHORE](#) and [ProBleu](#) funding schemes to verify that your project has not received funding from these sources and to prevent any instances of double funding.

Rights Related to the Processing of Personal Data:

Right to Access:

You have the right to request access to your personal data and obtain information about how your data is being processed. You have the right to request correction of inaccurate personal data or to have incomplete data completed. You have the right to request the deletion of your personal data under certain circumstances. You have the right to request the restriction or suppression of your personal data under certain conditions. You have the right to obtain and reuse your personal data for your own purposes across different services. You have the right to object to the processing of your personal data in certain circumstances. Your data shall not be subject to automated decision-making, including profiling.

For any questions or concerns regarding GDPR compliance and data protection, please contact our Data Protection Officer (DPO) at the provided contact details.

Yes

No

2. Section 2 – Location

2.1. Field 1 - Please indicate whether your school is located in an EU or non-EU country*

In this question, you are required to choose one of the two options from the dropdown menu.

EU Member State

EU Associated Country

2.2. Field 2 – Select country of residence*

Depending on whether you selected an EU Member State or an EU Associated Country, you will be directed to a dropdown menu with a list of eligible countries in each group. From there, you can select your country of residence.

3. Section 3 - Applicant Information

Please provide general details about your school along with relevant contact information in this section.

3.1. Field 1 - School Name*

Please enter the name of your school in English and in your national language.

3.2. Field 3 – Town or City*

Please provide the name of the town or city where your school is located, in English.

3.3. Field 4 – Location*

Please indicate the distance between your school and the nearest coast.

Less than 100 km from the coast

More than 100 km from the coast

3.4. Field 5 – Contact Email*

Please provide the email address where we can reach you regarding the results of your application.

4. Section 4 - General Information about the Project

In this section, we will ask a series of questions to gather the basic details of your project.

4.1. Field 1 - Project title in English*

maximum 200 characters

4.2. Field 2 - Project acronym

optional

4.3. Field 3 - Project Duration*

Please indicate the length of your project. Note that the project duration must be between 2 (two) and 5 (five) months. **Enter only the number of months your project will last.**

4.4. Field 4 - Which category does your project fall into?*

Please select the category that best aligns with your project. Your project must be associated with **at least one, but no more than three** of the listed topics.

- Pollution/plastics / microplastics
- Ocean/water ecosystem conservation
- Initiatives about carbon neutrality and positive environmental impact
- Sustainable aquaculture
- Fresh water conservation
- Climate change literacy
- The European Ocean Coalition (EU4Ocean) - each European is a citizen of our ocean and waters
- Marine Protected areas
- Using ecosystem-based services and nature-based solutions to protect the coast and seas
- Protecting European rivers, lakes and aquiferous horizon
- Ending destructive fishing practices, e.g. overfishing
- Reduce pesticides in seas and waters / tackling micro pollution – zero spill

- Reduce underwater noise pollution
- Sustainable shipping
- Promoting renewable ocean energy
- Sustainable fish consumption
- Blue biotechnology
- Sustainable ports and marinas
- Active citizenship, awareness raising campaign
- Sustainable coastal tourism/water sports
- Coastal hazards
- Biodiversity
- Other linked to the Mission Ocean&water's objectives (please specify)

4.5. Field 5 - "Other" Project Category

If your project does not fit into the listed categories, please specify the category it falls into.

4.6. Field 6 - Project Summary*

Please provide a brief summary of your project, highlighting its **objectives and key activities**. This summary will be used to promote the project, so ensure it is clear, engaging, and concise.

Limit - 1500 characters with spaces.

5. Section 5 - Project Description

5.1. Field 1 – Context, target groups and needs*

Describe the context of your school and of your project. You may need to refer to your local area, to the type of your school, to the school staff and students.

Describe the target groups of your project and their specific needs.

Limit - 1500 characters with spaces.

5.2. Field 2 - Project objectives*

Clearly outline the specific objectives the project aims to achieve. **Project objectives should address the needs described above.**

Limit - 1500 characters with spaces.

5.3. Field 3 - Project activities

Describe your project activities. For each activity mention the type of activity, who will be involved, how it will be implemented, how it will be evaluated and which are the expected results.

Limit - 1500 characters with spaces.

5.4. Field 4 - Project results

Describe your project results, referring to outcomes (events organised, purchase of equipment, resources developed etc) and outputs (knowledge gained, involvement and engagement, capacity building). Mention also the organisations and people reached.

Limit - 1500 characters with spaces.

6. Section 6 - Award Criteria

Applications will be evaluated based on **three key dimensions: Relevance, Quality, and Impact**. In this section, please explain how your project meets these criteria. For detailed information on the criteria, refer to the [Funding Call Guidelines](#)

6.1. Field 1 - Project Relevance*

Please describe how your project aligns with the key issues, such as the priorities of “the Mission Ocean & Water”, including citizen participation, engagement, and education, as outlined in the [Mission Ocean & Water Implementation Plan](#) (pages 35-36). Highlight its relevance to promoting circularity and carbon neutrality, involving schools from isolated or inland regions, and addressing the needs of disadvantaged students, including those with disabilities, socio-economic challenges, migrants, and refugees. Additionally, explain how your project emphasizes 21st-century skills and supports the promotion of EU values. For more information, refer to the [Funding Call Guidelines](#)

Limit - 1000 characters with spaces.

6.2. Field 2 – Project Quality*

Explain how you plan to ensure high quality in your project, particularly through strong and innovative Ocean and Water Literacy activities aimed at students, teachers, and parents/guardians. Describe how you will use Open Schooling methods to engage the community and promote the visibility of the project and its outcomes. Highlight the team's experience and capacity to implement the project, along with the sound management, administration, and risk prevention measures in place. For more information, refer to the [Funding Call Guidelines](#)

Limit - 1000 characters with spaces.

6.3. Field 3 - Project impact*

Describe the expected impact of your project on the school community, primarily students, but also teachers and parents/guardians. Highlight the potential broader impact on the local community. For further details, refer to the [Funding Call Guidelines](#)

Limit - 1000 characters with spaces.

7. Section 7 - Alignment with the Network of European Blue Schools (NEBS) Criteria

Whether or not your school is already a member of the [Network of European Blue Schools](#) (NEBS), your project must meet at least five (5) mandatory NEBS criteria. Please, describe the activities or aspects of your project that fulfil these criteria.

7.1. Field 1 – Develop a Project with Interlinked Activities*

A project should include several complementary activities connected by a central theme. For example, students might explore the ocean, engage in fieldwork, participate in art or lab activities, and present their findings.

Limit - 500 characters with spaces.

7.2. Field 2 – Produce a Clear Output *

The project encourages students to be active participants by creating a product, object, event, or service that can be showcased or used as a communication tool.

Limit - 500 characters with spaces.

7.3. Field 3 – Involve All Students*

Every student involved in the project must actively participate in all phases. While not all students from the school need to be included, those who are must engage fully in the project's activities.

Limit - 500 characters with spaces.

7.4. Field 4 – Collaborate with a Local Partner*

Collaboration is essential for project success. Engage with experts such as marine scientists, NGOs, science centers, maritime companies, or government bodies to support the creation, implementation, and communication of the project. Please, provide the full names of all partners involved, and include their website URLs, if available.

Limit - 500 characters with spaces.

7.5. Field 5 – Communicate Project Results*

Encourage students to enhance their communication skills and deepen their connection with the local community by sharing their project in a meaningful and informed manner. This can begin within their immediate social environment, such as with classmates, family, or local groups, etc. *Limit - 500 characters with spaces.*

7.6. Field 6 – Provide Authentic Learning Experiences

Authentic learning is student-driven and connected to real-world applications. In your project, this could involve participating in research or citizen science projects, or engaging with the local municipality on relevant local issues.

Limit - 500 characters with spaces.

7.7. Field 7 – Work in a Multi-Disciplinary Manner

Approach the project topic from multiple school subjects, offering opportunities for students with various strengths, perspectives, and interests. Multi-disciplinary projects extend learning beyond science, incorporating areas such as languages, history, sports, art, or economics.

Limit - 500 characters with spaces.

7.8. Field 8 – Mobilize Beyond the Classroom

This initiative encourages collaboration beyond the classroom, allowing teachers from different disciplines, age groups, and subjects to work together. The project offers the chance to involve the entire school, not just a single class, fostering a broader and more integrated learning experience.

Limit - 500 characters with spaces.

7.9. Field 9 – Foster Land-Sea Interaction

Coastal schools are encouraged to collaborate with inland or inland schools to share experiences and insights about the similarities and differences in their environments, economies, and cultures. This cooperation can be facilitated through eTwinning, promoting a rich exchange of knowledge.

Limit - 500 characters with spaces.

7.10. Field 10 – Bring in a European dimension

This initiative promotes cultural exchange among European schools, enabling students to view their work within a European context and collaborate with peers across the EU. It offers opportunities to connect with partner schools through eTwinning, participate in funded exchange programs, or establish lasting collaborations.

Limit - 500 characters with spaces.

8. Section 8 - eTwinning Collaboration

We believe that fostering collaborative learning through [eTwinning/ESEP](#) is essential for promoting intercultural understanding and adding a clear European dimension to your project. In this section, please describe how you plan to develop an eTwinning collaboration with staff and students.

8.1. Field 1 - Are you currently a registered user of eTwinning/ESEP?*

Yes

No

8.2. Field 2 - Do you have an eTwinning partner for your project?*

Yes

No

8.3. Field 3 – Name of eTwinning Partner School(s)*

If you already have an eTwinning partner school, please provide its name below. If not, enter "n/a."

9. Section 9 – Budget

9.1. Field 1 – Budget*

The maximum grant amount is €3000. Please provide a brief explanation of how you plan to allocate the budget, including general estimates. For example: “Lab equipment for experiment 1 – €200, room rental and audiovisual equipment for event – €200, translation services, etc.” For a detailed list of eligible costs, refer to the [Funding Call Guidelines](#)

Limit - 1500 characters with spaces.

10. Section 10 - Declaration on Honour

Before your application is accepted, we need to confirm your eligibility and ensure that your application is original and compliant with all legal requirements. Please, read the following declaration carefully and check the box below to confirm that you have read, understood, and agree that all statements are true.

I hereby confirm that:

The information provided in this application is accurate and complete.

My school:

- Complies with the eligibility criteria and conditions set out in the [Funding Call Guidelines](#)
- Has not received any other EU grant for this action (including from [ProBleu](#), [SHORE](#), and [BlueLightS](#)) and will notify of any future EU grants related to this action.
- Is committed to conducting the project outlined in this application.
- will use the grant exclusively for the implementation of the school blue challenge project described in the application;
- Has, or will have, the necessary resources to implement the project outlined in this application.
- Is not subject to EU restrictive measures under Article 29 of the Treaty on the European Union (TEU) or Article 215 of the Treaty on the Functioning of the EU (TFEU).
- will comply with contractual obligations of the beneficiaries under articles 12 (conflict of interest), 13 (confidentiality and security), 14 (ethics), 17.2 (visibility), 18 (specific rules for carrying out action), 19 (information) and 20 (recordkeeping) of the grant agreement also apply to the third parties receiving the support (recipients);
- will comply with visibility requirements, i.e. logo and disclaimer of EU support and BlueLightS project.

I or my school:

- Am/is NOT subject to any conflict of interest related to this funding call and will promptly report any situation that could lead to a conflict of interest.
- Have NOT and will NOT, directly or indirectly, grant, seek, obtain, or accept any advantage related to this grant that would involve illegal practices or corruption.

I understand that the bodies mentioned in Article 25 (e.g. granting authority, OLAF, Court of Auditors (ECA), etc.) can exercise their rights also towards the schools.

I hereby confirm that the above is true*

Yes

11. Section 11 - Thank you

Thank you for taking the time to submit your application for the BlueLightS First Funding Call. You have successfully provided all the necessary information. Your application will be evaluated by two experts selected by the BlueLightS consortium. The expected date for the announcement of results is January 20, 2025. All applicants will be notified via email.