



Weaving a vision for blue education

A Blue Board workshop

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- Co-creating** a vision for blue education
- Boosting** discussions & creating connections
- Sharing** experiences & challenges
- Learning** from others & getting **inspired**
- Contributing** and **enriching** our 'framework'

Objectives



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Blue education – a kind reminder

Teaching and learning from aquatic environments

Create and **raise** water literate societies

Informed and capable of **addressing challenges**

Wide range of learning types, formats



Awareness & appreciation

Understanding

Connection

Agenda

15:30 - 15:35 **Welcome & introduction**

15:35 - 16:10 **Vision board creation**

5min: **Introduction on our Framework of recommendations**

5 mins: **Explanation of the activity**

15 mins: **Group work**

5 mins: **Reporting back**

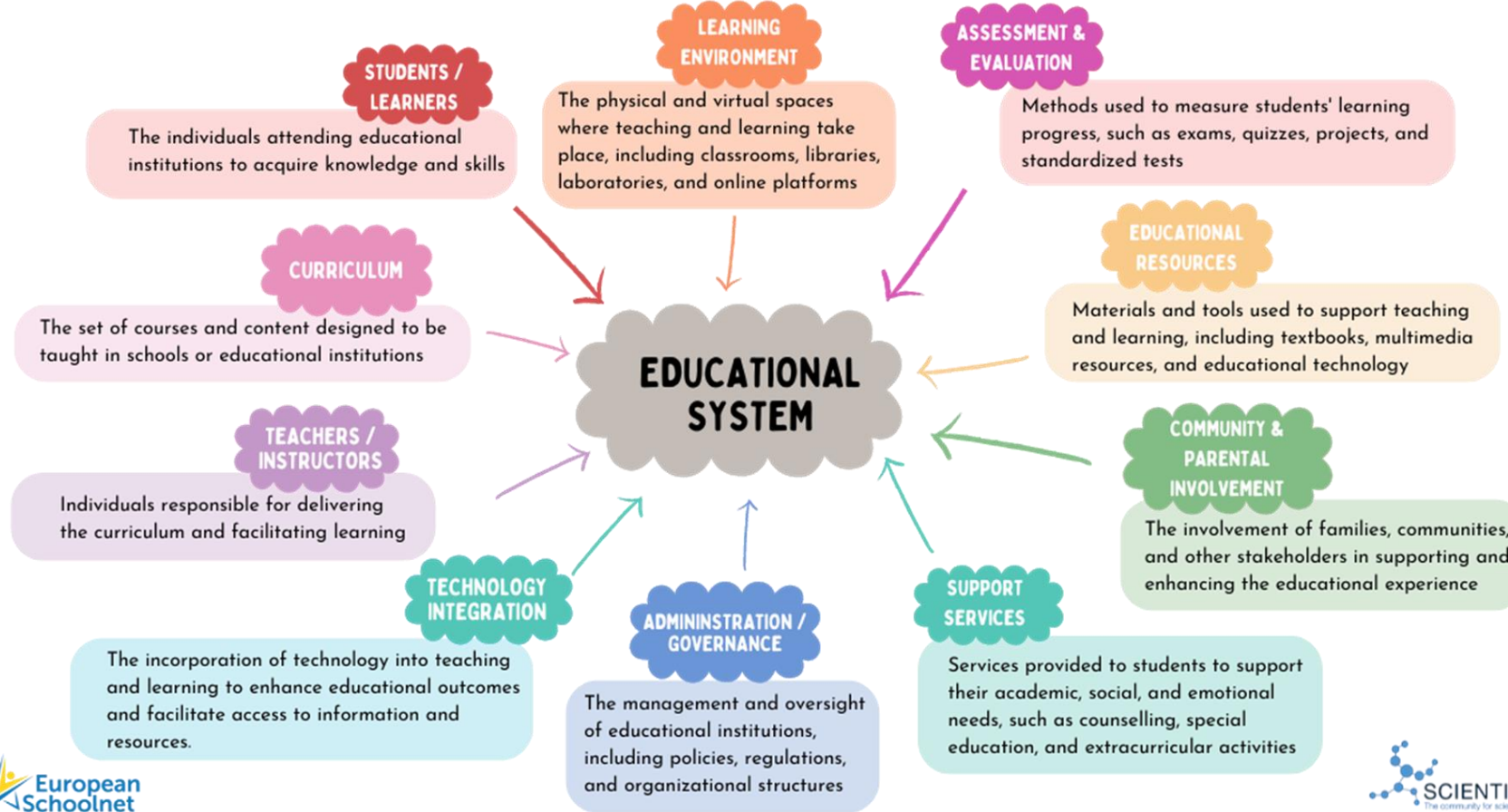
16:10 - 16:25: **Open discussion and Q&A**

16:25 - 16:30: **Closing, next steps**



Building blocks of the framework

Building on the key elements of educational systems...



Building blocks of the framework

...we identified and further elaborated on two guiding questions: **What** needs to be changed, and **Who** needs to be mobilised.

What needs to be changed?

- National strategies
- Professional development
- Curricula
- Educational resources
- Resources (financial and human)

Who needs to be mobilised?

- All actors:
 - Teachers, teacher unions, NGOs
 - Leadership of the school
- Community
- Government (national and regional)
- Researchers / experts



Maturity levels

Level 1: absence of blue education in the education system or relatively insignificant efforts

Level 2: blue education gaining some societal interest

Level 3: increased societal focus and a higher level of recognition (labels, champions, etc.)

Level 4: blue education is *mainstreamed*



Our 'vision'

What is our vision for blue education?



What we know

- Goal: to mainstream blue education (= systemic internalisation)
- Ensuring necessary conditions for teachers to teach about aquatic ecosystems are in place
- All 'building blocks' of national education systems becoming **blue**
- Strong connection to sustainable/environmental education
- Not just about the ocean... and not just about knowledge!

But still some unknowns...

How far do we go? One example: transformative change...

What's next?

What does **your vision** for blue education look like, **in an ideal world**?

Next steps:

- ✓ Breakout rooms to work on your vision board
- ✓ What's a vision board? A collage of images, pictures, and affirmations that create a visual representation or roadmap of how you envision your dream (for blue education)
- ✓ In your groups, don't forget to select a member who will present your group's vision in the plenary
- ✓ Over to Mikaela for further instructions...



Let's get creative! Time to create our vision boards...

...any questions before we start?



Present your vision board...





Open
discussion and
Q & A

Closing & next steps

Stay tuned and **join**
the follow-up
session on "enabling
tools"

**4 June
Hour
(TBD)**

Be an active
Platform member

Got some
interesting and
relevant
tools/methods? **Let
us know!**

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**Thank you and see
you soon!**