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Understanding the Ocean's influence on us and our influence on the Ocean.

It means more than just raising awareness in society, it is also to encourage all citizens and stakeholders to have a more informed and responsible behaviour towards the Ocean and its resources.

Ocean Literacy goes beyond knowledge. It is also to be able to communicate, act and decide. To understand that we have individual and collective responsibilities towards the Ocean.

NATIONAL COORDINATION



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SCIENTIFIC AND PEDAGOGIC COMMISSION



Desporto Escolar



REGIONAL COORDINATION - ALENTEJO



SINESTECNOPOLO
BIC Alentejo.

BLUE SCHOOL PROGRAMME



With the aim of improving **Ocean Literacy** in Portugal, the Portuguese Ministry of Sea created the **Escola Azul – Blue School Programme**

This national programme distinguishes and guides the Portuguese schools working on Ocean Literacy.

It creates an **Ocean Literacy** community, bringing together schools, the sea sector, municipalities, universities and other entities with an active role in marine education.

The Blue School Programme also integrates multidisciplinary marine education actions for Blue Schools in a diversified network of partners.



GOALS

- | Promote Ocean Literacy in Portugal
- | Raise awareness for the sustainable use of the Ocean
- | Support schools working on Ocean Literacy
- | Reduce the barriers to the implementation of Ocean Literacy in schools
- | Encourage schools to actively involve students in the search for solutions to problems related to the Ocean
- | Create ties between schools and local communities using the Ocean as background
- | Activate synergies between the educational community and the sea stakeholders [economy, tourism, sports, science, technology, etc.]
- | Promote communication between the numerous institutions with an active role in marine education, to define harmonised educational strategies
- | Emphasise the importance of emerging careers linked to the sea in areas such as science, engineering, law, economics, communication, etc.

CONCEPT



A **Blue School** actively engages the school community in the understanding of the Ocean's influence on us and our influence on the Ocean. It integrates the local community into its actions and interacts with the **Blue School** network of partners

A **Blue School** encourages its students to become more aware of the Ocean by encouraging them to emotionally bond with the sea and to translate their knowledge into effective attitudinal changes that serve as an impetus for a blue society.

It promotes the development of critical thinking and initiative in students, as well as an integrated and holistic view of the Ocean. A **Blue School** uses different fields of knowledge, in transversal, innovative and creative learning.



CRITERIA

The **Blue School** concept and requirements were developed according to the Ocean Literacy principles and following guidelines from the National Ocean Strategy, the National Strategy for Citizenship Education, and the Profile of Students Exiting Compulsory Education; and international recommendations issued by the European Commission, the OECD and the UN, namely its Sustainable Development Goals 4 [Quality Education], 14 [Life Below Water] and 17 [Partnerships for the Goals].

Schools must meet the following requirements to become a **Blue School**:



**EXPLORE AN ISSUE RELATED
TO THE OCEAN**



**ENCOURAGE STUDENTS
TO TAKE ACTION**



**EXPLORE IN DIFFERENT
SUBJECTS**



**INVOLVE THE LOCAL
COMMUNITY**



**ENGAGE STUDENTS OF
DIFFERENT GRADES**



**INTERACT WITH THE
PARTNERS' NETWORK**

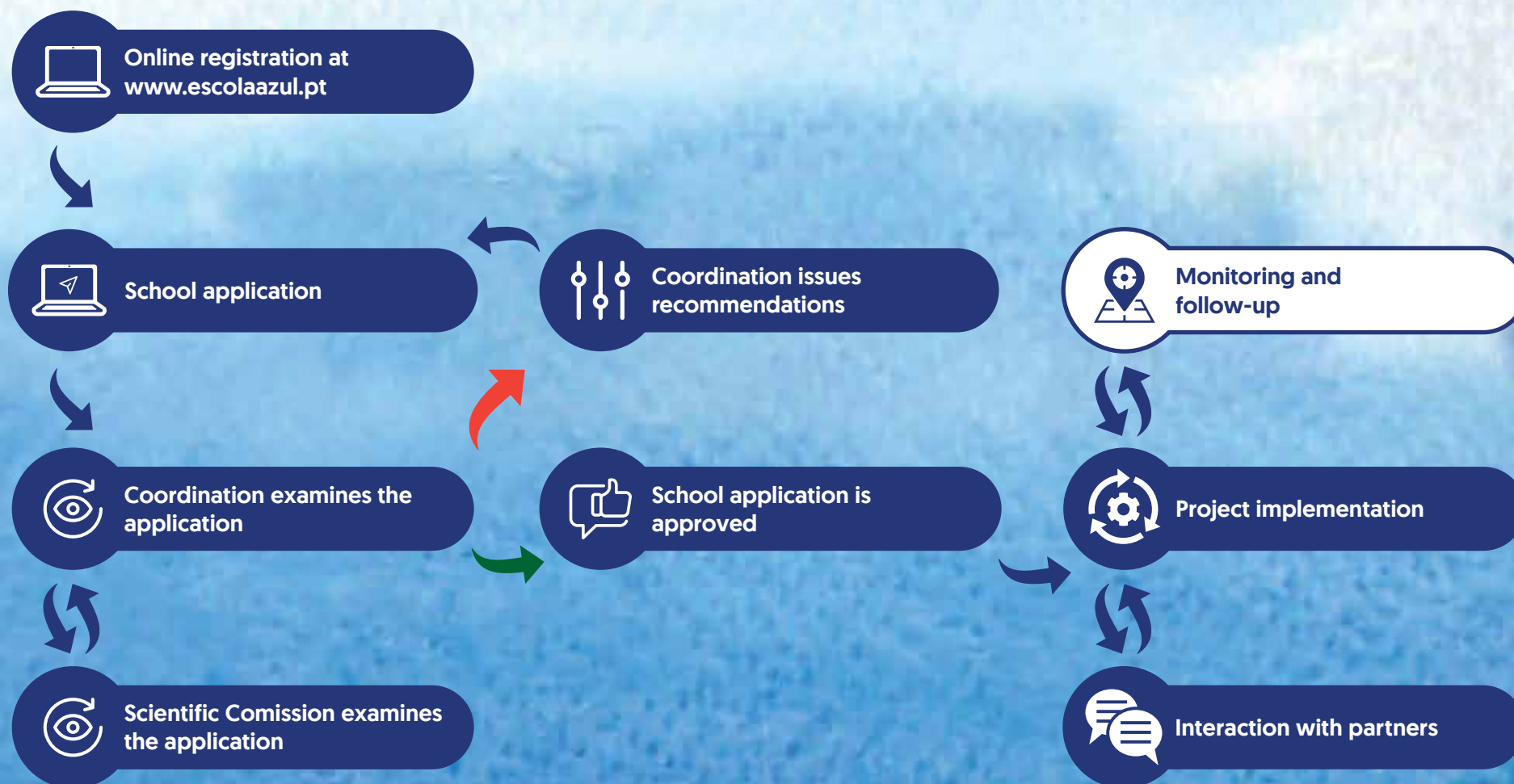


**SELECT BLUE SCHOOL
AMBASSADORS**



**COMMUNICATE
IT'S ACTIONS**

How to BECOME A BLUE SCHOOL



PARTNERS NETWORK

The **Blue School** partners' network is comprised of entities that contribute for blue schools' actions and initiatives with educational offers about the Ocean.

It includes entities related to the sea sector, education, universities, companies, non-governmental organizations, museums, aquariums, among others.

By integrating this national **Ocean Literacy** community, partners are encouraged to adopt a more active stance towards schools, ensuring greater visibility and wider reach in their actions.

The **Blue School** network was also created to strengthen the interaction between entities with an active role in marine education.

To be part of the Blue School partners' network contact us at:
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PARTNERS NETWORK



MUNICIPALITIES

Blue School counts on the partnership of municipalities that promote the implementation of the programme at a local level, assuming the following roles:

- | Support and promote educational projects in local Blue Schools
- | Identify local entities to integrate the Blue School partners' network
- | Promote the Blue School programme at a local level





SCOPE

2017/18

 **60**
Schools

 **8000**
Students

 **40**
Partners

 **120**
Educational Offers

 **32000**
Local Community

2018/19

 **130**
Schools

 **17000**
Students

 **70**
Partners

 **220**
Educational Offers

 **68000**
Local Community

2019/20

 **170**
Schools

 **22000**
Students

 **90**
Partners

 **280**
Educational Offers

 **88000**
Local Community

WE ARE A BLUE SCHOOL. WHAT SHOULD WE DO?

- | Begin our Blue School challenge
- | Select Blue School Ambassadors among our students and submit a declaration of commitment from the School Board
- | Get the Blue School kit: flag, medals and certificate
- | Display our Blue School flag in a visible spot
- | Celebrate one Ocean Day:
 - | European Maritime Day – May 20th
 - | World Oceans Day - June 8th
 - | National Maritime Day – November 16th
- | Celebrate the Blue School Day [May 19th] meeting the challenge issued by the Blue Coordination
- | Make three posts on the Blue School Facebook Group
- | Answer to the Blue School surveys [twice a year]
- | Participate in a Blue School Meeting [national or regional]
- | Promote internal Blue School meetings between teachers, student ambassadors and other representatives of the school community



BLUE SCHOOL 3RD YEAR.

HOW TO MAINTAIN OUR BLUE SCHOOL DISTINCTION?

- | Fill up the Blue School extension form
- | Meet one of the Blue School proposed biannual challenges
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