

## Escola Azul (Blue school)

Portugal



### Overview

Escola Azul (Blue School) is a **national Ocean Literacy programme** implemented by the Portuguese Ministry of the Sea.

The main goal is to create **ocean-literate generations** that understand the importance of the ocean in their lives and their own impacts on the ocean, while being able to convert that knowledge into effective action, initiative and decision-making.

The programme **distinguishes and provides guidance** to the Portuguese schools who are working on Ocean Literacy in a **structured long-term way**. A Blue School is able to actively engage the school community on Ocean issues, articulating all its actions and initiatives with the local community and also interacting with the programme's partners.

**Partnerships with more than 80 entities connected to the sea are relied on**, which provide multidisciplinary marine education actions directed at Blue Schools.



This project has thrived as an Ocean Literacy community that brings together schools, students, teachers, the maritime sector, municipalities, universities and other entities with an active role in marine education, **promoting an integrated political strategy for marine education** with the goal of improving the level of Ocean Literacy among younger generations.

### Results

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The 2017/18 school year was the pilot year. With involvement of more than 40 partners, there were applications from over 60 schools. 42 of them were nominated as Blue Schools;

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2019: 162 Blue Schools in Portugal!

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