



Open Call #1

Frequently Asked Questions



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Questions	Answers
Who can apply?	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Primary schools or Secondary schools up to ISCED level 3, commonly designated as upper secondary education. See a more detailed explanation here: https://www.cedefop.europa.eu/files/Table_III_Qualifications.pdf Schools which are accredited members of the European Network of Blue Schools at the time of application and provide certificate OR aspire to be members of the European Network of Blue Schools and will demonstrate how they intend to meet the prerequisites to become accredited members by the time of completion of the project.
How to apply for the European Network of Blue Schools?	<p>To apply, click on this link.</p> <p>For more guidelines, check out Handbook for Teachers – European Blue Schools.</p>
Where should the school be established to be eligible?	<p>The school should be legally registered and established in:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> The Member States (MS) of the European Union (EU) Horizon Europe Associated Countries (check this link) <p>Additionally, it must be located in one out of five targeted regions of the SHORE Open Call - Baltic Sea, Black Sea, Mediterranean Sea, Rhine and Danube River Area.</p>
What countries are eligible as part of SHORE Target Areas?	<p>Eligible Countries from each target area involve Contracting Parties according to respective conventions governing a specific region (click on the hyperlinked target areas):</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Baltic Sea Area: Germany, Poland, Estonia, Latvia, Lithuania, Denmark, Sweden, Finland; Black Sea Area: Romania, Bulgaria, Ukraine, Georgia, Türkiye; Mediterranean Sea Area: Croatia, Cyprus, France, Greece, Italy, Malta, Slovenia, Spain, Algeria, Egypt, Libya, Morocco, Tunisia, Albania, Montenegro, Bosnia and Herzegovina, Israel, Jordan, Lebanon, Türkiye; Danube River Area: Austria, Bosnia and Herzegovina, Bulgaria, Croatia, Czechia, Germany, Hungary, Moldova, Montenegro, Romania, Serbia, Slovakia, Slovenia, Ukraine; Rhine River Area: Austria, Belgium, France, Germany, Luxembourg, The Netherlands.
What if the applicant's country is based in more than one target area?	<p>If the school is established in the country which is part of more than one target area (e.g., Austria is eligible both in the Rhine and Danube River Area), the applicant should select the area according to the focus and implementation location of their funded activities.</p>
How do schools apply?	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> Access the website page https://shoreproject.eu/open-calls/ Read the document the Annex 1 - SHORE Guidelines for applicants) Prepare your Annex 2.1 - SHORE Proposal Template. according to the template provided (Available at the above linked website page) Start your online application at the F6S Platform: https://www.f6s.com/shore-open-call-1/apply

	<p>5. Fill the form, upload the template.</p> <p>6. Submit your application.</p>
Until when can the school submit their application?	SHORE Open Call 1 will receive applications by 20 March 2024, 5pm CET.
Can the school submit more than one proposal?	Each school can submit one application and only one project per school will be funded.
The applicant has noticed an error in the proposal after submitting the application. Can they still fix it?	After application submission, editing is not possible. However, If the applicant discovers an error in the proposal and provided the call deadline has not passed, the applicant may request the SHORE - Open Call #1 team to re-submit the proposal (for this purpose please contact us at opencalls@shoreproject.eu with a message titled: RESUBMISSION REQUEST). However, SHORE is not committed that resubmission in time will be feasible in case the request for resubmission is not received by the SHORE team at least 48 hours before the call deadline.
If the school has submitted the application in the previous SHORE Open Call, can it apply again in the subsequent calls?	<p>If the school has applied and has been rejected in the previous open call, it can apply in the subsequent call, but it is mandatory to submit a different or corrected school project proposal and signal it as a resubmission.</p> <p>If the school has applied and has been accepted in the previous open call, then it is not eligible to apply again since the school shall benefit from the financial support to third parties provided under SHORE project only once under one school - one funded project rule.</p>
The school project proposal should focus on topics & subtopics related to blue economy & ocean and water literacy. What are these topics and how to select them?	<p>SHORE Open Call applicants should select at least one topic and subtopic of the open call according to the list proposed in the Annex 1 - SHORE Guidelines for applicants.</p> <p>Applicants are advised to select the most relevant topic and subtopic in line with their proposed activities and regional / local context, eg. environmental challenges. In case more than one topic is relevant, applicants are encouraged to choose the one more suitable for proposed activities.</p>
What kind of activities should the school perform to receive the funding and how many? Can the applicant provide its own suggestions?	<p>The list of the different types of activities for which a school may receive financial support to perform during implementation of the project is available in the Annex 1 - SHORE Guidelines for applicants. The list is fixed and exhaustive, meaning no external additions by the applicant are allowed.</p> <p>Applicants are advised to choose at least one activity from the list and describe it in the Annex 2.1 - SHORE Proposal Template.</p>
SHORE Open Call welcomes proposals submitted by schools, which are open for collaboration/twinning with other blue schools. What type of schools should be involved in this cooperation? Where can the applicant find the co-operator?	<p>The cooperation can be established with schools from the Network of European Blue Schools and those aspiring to become accredited members of the Network of European Blue Schools.</p> <p>To find suitable partners for cooperation/twinning, please refer to the EU4Ocean Platform or eTwinning portal, (Community for schools in Europe for teachers to run on-site or online activities with their students along with colleagues from other European countries).</p>

Can the school bring the collaborator from a previous, similar cooperation?	Yes, the cooperation can already be established, or schools can intend to establish cooperation during implementation of the project.
What should be the subject and format of this cooperation?	<p>In Annex 2.1 - SHORE Proposal Template, applicants are required to describe cooperation activities with other teachers and their students in the format of their choice (on-site or online activities), designed to enable them the exchange of experiences, best practices and successful stories stemming from their blue projects and ocean literacy-driven actions.</p> <p>Twinning can include examples such as capacity building through knowledge sharing, enabling both partner schools to adopt best practices from each other, twinning visits, etc.</p>
What are the requirements regarding carbon neutrality?	<p>SHORE – Open Call #1 is open to schools which participate in climate actions and support values of the European Climate Pact.</p> <p>Additionally, the proposal should demonstrate funded activities having a high degree of circularity, carbon neutrality and positive environmental impact that will be evaluated during the evaluation phase.</p>
How long does the project implementation last?	Selected school projects will last up to 6 months in total.
Besides implementing proposed activities, is there any other task the school should perform such as reporting? What is the content of such reports and how many should be expected from the school?	At the end of the project, the selected school will be required to submit a final report that outlines the activities undertaken in the project, the results achieved, and the lessons learned.
What is the funding?	<p>The total budget per project may not exceed €10,000. The total amount requested can not exceed 100% of the total project costs. The funds will be disbursed in a form of a lump sum.</p> <p>Please summarise the expected project costs in Annex 2.1 - SHORE Proposal Template.</p>
Migrants/Ukrainian citizens - Any specific explanation on how to fulfill this criteria?	At least 20% of the funded proposals must involve migrants or Ukrainian citizens under temporary protection in funded activities. If needed such proposals will be selected from lower ranked positions to meet this quota.
How many times can the school participate in the SHORE programme?	Schools shall benefit from the Financial Support to Third Parties provided under SHORE project only once.
If the applicant has any other questions about the call and the programme, how can they contact the team?	Please send an email to opencalls@shoreproject.eu
How can schools in Hungary apply for financial support for their project?	The financial promoter (contractor) of the project can be the school with individual financial rights, its public authority or an organisation with legal links to the school, such as a foundation.