

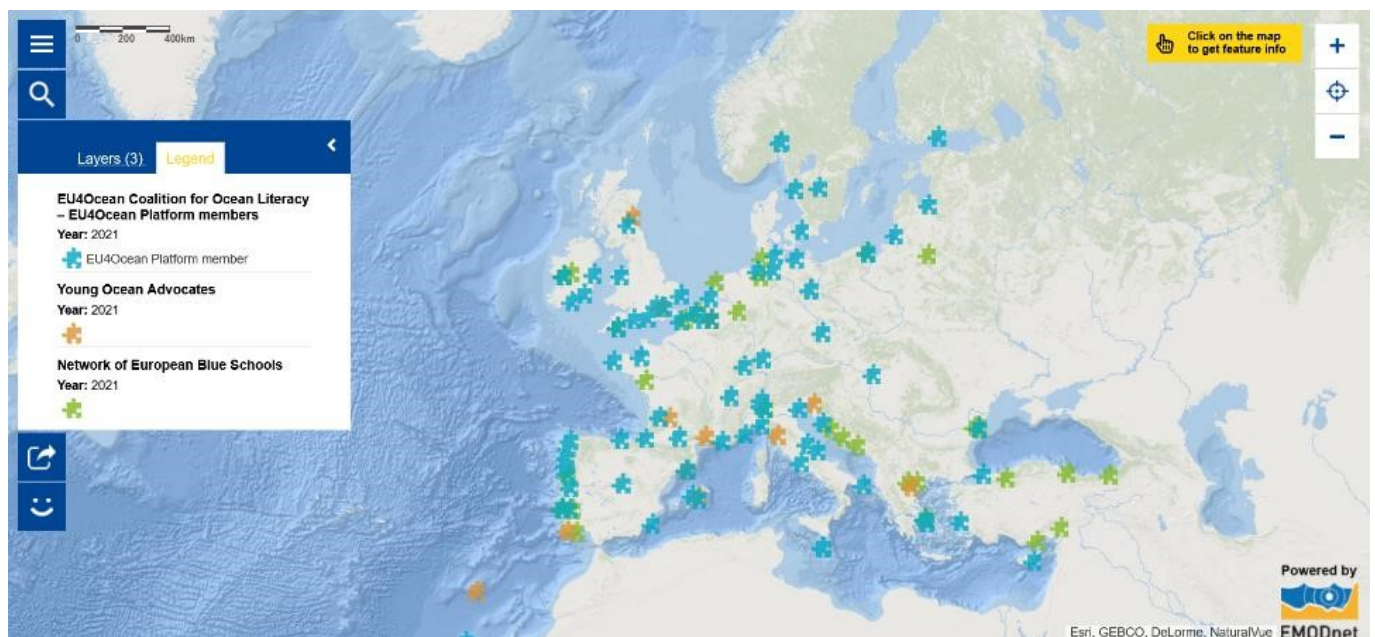


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Map of the Week – The EU4Ocean Coalition and Ocean Literacy

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The Map of the Week shows the members of the EU4Ocean Coalition including Platform members, Young Ocean Advocates and European Blue Schools. The EU4Ocean Coalition brings together diverse organisations, projects, schools and people who contribute to ocean literacy and the sustainable management of the ocean in Europe and beyond.



Did you know that 2022 will be the European Year of Youth? On 7 December 2021, the European Commission published a [press release](#) [1] welcoming the political agreement reached by the European Parliament and the Council to make 2022 the European Year of Youth. The Commission will coordinate throughout 2022 a range of activities in close contact with the European Parliament, the Member States, regional and local authorities, youth organisations and young people. The full programme of activities and further information will be available on the [Youth Portal](#) [2].

Within the [EU4Ocean Coalition](#) [3] dedicated to ocean literacy, the [Youth4Ocean Forum](#) [4] brings together changemakers between 16 and 30 who are passionate about the ocean. Amongst them are [Young Ocean Advocates](#) [5] who have received accreditation following the submission of their [projects](#) [6]. As Young Ocean Advocates, they have the chance to showcase their project, participate and pitch

their ideas in European events, connect with mentors, network with leading European experts, participate in working groups along with stakeholders and decision-makers to address ocean challenges, and benefit from leadership resources to make a positive change. Youth4Ocean Forum members were very active during the UN Climate Change Conference - [COP26](#) [7] with, amongst other activities, participation in the side event '[Ocean solutions: Coordination and collaboration for ocean-based mitigation and adaptation](#)' [8] and webinars in the [Virtual Ocean Pavilion](#) [9].

Wish to know more about the EU4Ocean Coalition and the Young Ocean Advocates?

- Explore the Map of the Week to learn who the members of the EU4Ocean Coalition are and what they do. Each member of the Coalition is represented by a piece of a puzzle. By working together, they develop ocean literacy throughout Europe and beyond. [Young Ocean Advocates](#) [5] are shown as orange pieces of the puzzle. Click on them to discover their projects!
- Learn about the objectives and activities of the [EU4Ocean Platform](#) [10], the [Youth4Ocean Forum](#) [4] and the [Network of European Blue Schools](#) [11] on the dedicated websites and find out how you can join the EU4Ocean communities. The communities are constantly evolving and growing, so why not be the next pieces of the puzzle on this map! ^[1]
- Are you a young person between 16 and 30 years old? Do you have a great project for the ocean? Apply to become a Young Ocean Advocate and join all of the EU4Ocean Coalition members on the map! The Youth4Ocean Forum is currently calling young people to submit their projects on the topic of Climate and Ocean. Make sure that you [submit your application](#) [12] by 15 December 2021!

[Access the map](#) [13]

The data in this map are provided by the [EU4Ocean Platform](#) [10], the [Youth4Ocean Forum](#) [4] and the [Network of European Blue Schools](#) [11].

^[1] The map layers are updated in group updates. If you do not yet see a member in the map, please note it will be added in the next update.

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[6] https://webgate.ec.europa.eu/maritimeforum/en/eu4ocean/4481/young_ocean_advocates_projects

[7] <https://ukcop26.org/>

[8] <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=9CB8a-kamRE>

[9] <https://cop26oceanpavilion.vfairs.com/>

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