



OCEAN LITERACY ABOUT CHANGES OF THE BALTIC SEA

1. Challenge/problem addressed

The idea of the 'Ocean of Changes' project (www.oceanofchanges.com) is to exchange information on matters relating to the seas and oceans in order to build a community operating under the UN Sustainable Development Goals, and in the case of the local activities, with particular emphasis on the Baltic Sea.

2. Main scale of governance involved: local / regional / national / international

From local to international, through a variety of different actions proposed. Two international conferences *Where the World is heading* (one for school youth, the second for early career scientists) brought participants from 11 countries, while the third stage of the project, the science fair is mostly dedicated to Polish audience.

3. Description of what and where was done

This is an ongoing project, which consists of two annual, international conferences for youth and young researchers entitled "*Where the World is Heading*", an annual science fair and year-round educational workshops for children and youth.

4. What sectors were involved?

All sectors are involved through a variety of different actions proposed.

5. Which target/interest groups / stakeholders were reached?

All groups are involved through a variety of different actions proposed, from general public, through youth to dedicated groups of experts/stakeholders (dedicated workshops).

6. What methods were applied?

- General public events/science fairs
- Dedicated workshops from educational, through collective intelligence, to co-creation actions
- World Café events
- Semi-structured interviews
- Conferences

7. Lessons learned

- In our work we propose a holistic approach to the description of phenomena that take place in the natural environment, with particular emphasis on the role of the ocean-atmosphere system in shaping and modifying climate processes and the effects of climate change on the natural environment, including humans being inspired with the philosophy of the UN Sustainable Development Goals.
- Through its modern approach and a vast offer to various stakeholders, the project has an official logo of the UN Ocean Decade.
- Co-creation is a powerful tool.
- Some parts of the project need to become international.

8. To which Multi-level Governance steps this valuable practice contributes?

Points 2 and 3 below are addressed by the project.

- 2) Stakeholder involvement
 - a) Stakeholder recognition and mapping
 - b) Stakeholder discussions across levels
- 3) Solutions and implementation
 - a) Looking for solutions
 - b) Adoption and implementation

9. Links to further information about the practice/case

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10. Any copyright issues?

Yes, please contact the appropriate people from the project.



