



**We connect.**  
**We share.**  
**We drive change.**

When ocean lovers get together, great things happen.

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The Youth4Ocean Forum is a free and open platform where young voices meet to discuss and take action to protect the ocean.



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# Key Facts & Figures

2020 - 2021

This booklet highlights the initiatives of the **Youth4Ocean Forum** on the pressing issues relating to our **ocean and seas**.

It outlines the actions that our members have taken, for our future and for the planet.



The Youth4Ocean Forum connects citizens from different backgrounds, sectors and generations to spread ocean literacy and raise their voices for the Ocean.



### **The Forum**

- Leads actions and projects in the field
- Carries out ocean advocacy to influence decision-making and legislation
- Offers the possibility to gain skills and find support



### **On 3 themes**

- Food from the Ocean
- Ocean and Climate
- Healthy Ocean

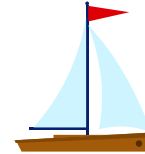


### **In 5 sea basins**

- the Arctic Ocean,
- the Atlantic Ocean (including the North Sea),
- the Baltic Sea,
- the Black Sea,
- the Mediterranean Sea,
- ...and the Global Ocean

# Our Story - Building the Youth4Ocean Forum from scratch

The Youth4Ocean Forum was built by the youth, for the youth.



In **January 2020**,

**50 young Europeans**

already involved in ocean protection were interviewed.

They defined what **the Youth4Ocean Forum** should look like, and what it should do for young people and the Ocean.



These 50 young change makers became the **Founding Members**, a diverse and motivated crowd who made the Youth4Ocean Forum a reality.



**Today** the Youth4Ocean Forum counts more than

**230 members**

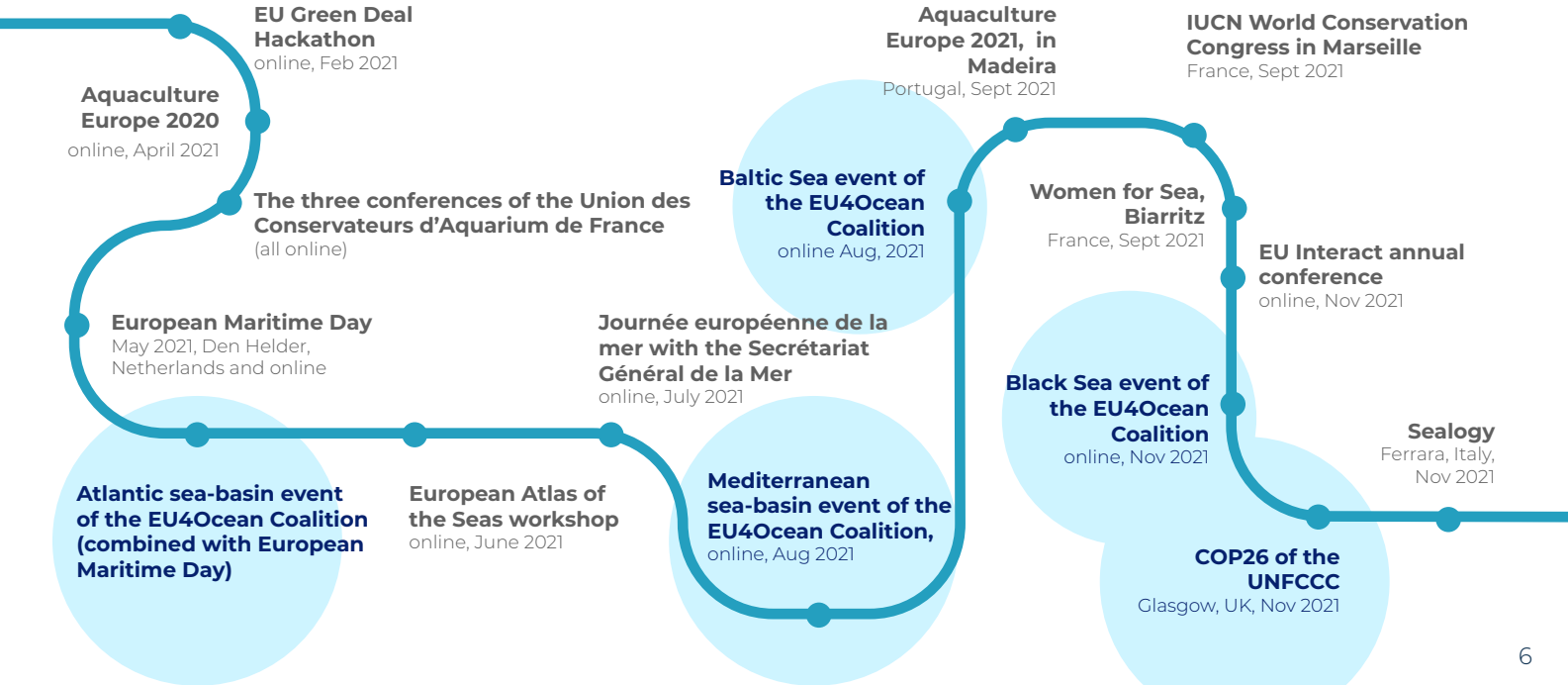
from all over Europe and beyond.



Together, they carry out activities for the ocean, participate in events, network, and gain new skills.

# Ocean advocacy to influence decision-making and legislation

In 2021, the members of the Youth4Ocean Forum participated in many events at national, European and international levels. They used those opportunities to speak for the young generation:









# Key Actions and Ocean-Focused Projects

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The Youth4Ocean Forum is a place to get recognition and visibility for young project holders.

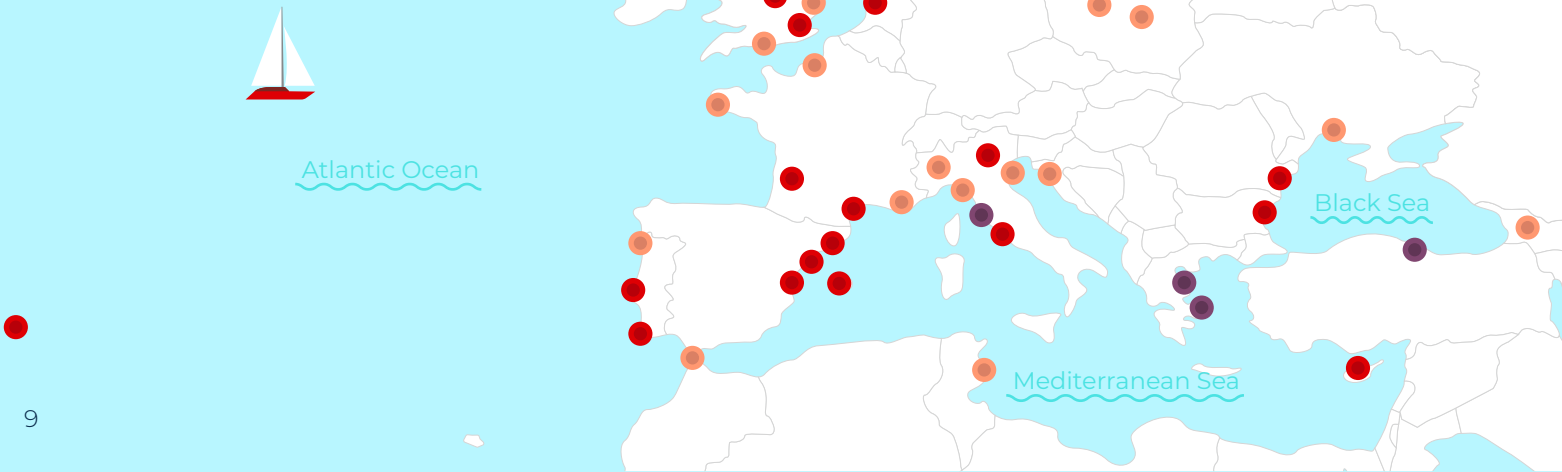
There is an open call for projects submission, and if successful, applicants get accredited by the European Commission as **Young Ocean Advocate**.

Their projects address the issues of **ocean protection** and **sustainable use of marine resources** in many domains, from arts to sports, to practical activities with children to blue economy solutions, innovative engineering propositions to polar research projects.



# The projects of our Young Ocean Advocates on 3 themes

Our Young Ocean Advocates carry out projects all over Europe and beyond. Here is a taste of some of their projects. [Check our website to discover more!](#)



## FOOD FROM THE OCEAN



### The Oceanum Portugal Hub

By Arthur Friedrich  
Madeira, Portugal

Madeira Island suffers from ocean illiteracy about aquaculture and its beneficial effect of providing health and safe sea-to-table food. The Oceanum Portugal Hub aims to integrate Madeira Island Sea Nature tourism, aquaculture businesses and local restaurants to improve their business results under the triple bottom line concept. This bottom line concept is the idea that business should not aim for profit only, but also care about social and environmental outcomes and impacts. The main goal is to integrate enterprises under the blue economy concept of profitably exploring the sea and at the same time, respect and preserve the environment. [Read more on our website.](#)

## OCEAN AND CLIMATE



### Venice Climate Change Pavilion

By Letizia Artioli  
Venice, Italy

Venice Climate Change Pavilion is an innovative project at the intersection of art and science, augmented reality (AR) and tactical urbanism. The project shows climate change data of the Venetian Lagoon through AR prototypes spread all around the city of Venice via QR codes. The goal of this innovative tool is to raise awareness about climate change emergencies in frail ecosystems such as the Venetian Lagoon. The data collected have been interpreted with the help of scientific collaborators such as PhD students, climatologists, architects, biologists from Venice. [Read more on our website.](#)

## HEALTHY OCEAN



### The Marine Diaries

By Rebecca Daniel  
Worldwide

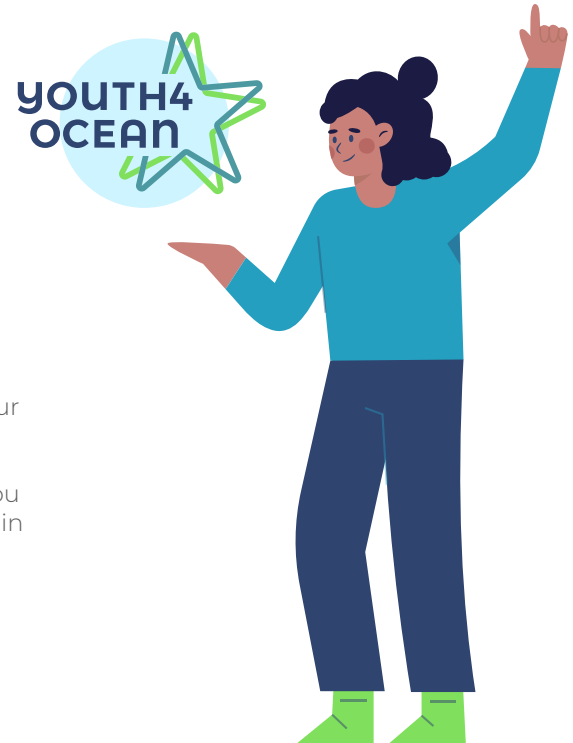
The Marine Diaries communicates ocean science, educates and influences the public through engaging content, and inspires the next generation of ocean warriors. The Marine Diaries connects people with the ocean, by bringing them the beauty of the underwater world, and exposing them to the struggle experienced by marine life and people alike due to current anthropogenic threats. Through the power of science communication, it encourages responsible behaviour now, and for the future. Activities include campaigns, ocean literacy projects, educational materials for all ages, different article series, webinars, career advice, and most recently ocean adventures. [Read more on our website.](#)

# Become a Young Ocean Advocate!

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By joining our network you will:

- Have plenty of opportunities to showcase your project;
- Take part and pitch your ideas at international events;
- Receive support, advice and referrals from ocean professionals;
- Participate in working groups;
- Have access to tailored resources;
- Receive targeted training to gain the skills you need to develop your projects further;
- Access the popular Meet a Blue Expert series of webinars where you can ask any question and hear top advice from prominent figures in the world of ocean literacy and protection.



# What they say



In the Youth4Ocean Forum, you will find a group of people committed to the ocean that will empower you to follow your mission, you will find a sense of belonging and access advice, resources, and promote your own activities.



**Neus Figueras**

*Young Ocean Advocate,  
Marine Scientist & Author*



The Youth4Ocean forum has allowed me to connect with young scientists, artists, and communicators who are inspired to save the oceans. I've also been able to attend marine policy events I would have missed without the forum (not least CO26!).



**Dr. Jack Laverick**

*Marine biologist and Founding Member  
of the Youth4Ocean Forum  
Glasgow, UK*



For me it is heartwarming to have a place where you can connect with people sharing your passion and care for the ocean. To see all these projects happening is extremely motivating, it gives me the energy to do more!



**Olivia Garcia**

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# Join the wave and spread the word!

## Your ideas matter.

# Make them happen for our ocean!

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Become a Young Ocean Advocate!  
Join the forum | [youth4ocean@nausicaa.fr](mailto:youth4ocean@nausicaa.fr)

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