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REGISTRIERTE AKTIVITÄTEN (OCEAN DECADE ACTIVITIES) ZUR UN-OZEANDEKADE MIT LEAD INSTITUTION IN DEUTSCHLAND

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Name der Aktivität der Ozean Dekade	Art der Aktivität	Koordinierendes Institut	Beschreibung	Laufzeit	Kontaktperson
International Conference for Young Marine Researchers	Events (incl. training)	Bremen Society for Natural Sciences from 1864 (Naturwissenschaftlicher Verein zu Bremen von 1864 NWV)	The International Conference for Young Marine Researchers – ICYMARE (www.icymare.com) is a bottom-up initiative completely organized by volunteers and offers a powerful and inspiring international set-up for an excellent network opportunity and some first conference experience. This initiative includes an annual conference with changing host locations as well as a monthly online forum. All scientific contents are organised by early career researchers.	01.01.2021 – 31.12.2030	Dr. Simon Jungblut
OCEAN CHANGE 2021–2022	Other	Arved Fuchs Expeditions	Arved Fuchs and his crew will set off on the “Dagmar Aaen” from Kiel in mid-June 2021, continuing the current OCEAN CHANGE expedition series. The project will adhere to COVID-19 safety guidelines. The goal of the expedition is to document the effects of climate change on the fragile and complex oceanic systems and make these changes understandable to the public. What are the consequences of a weakening North Atlantic current for countries, people, and marine life? How do weather patterns change as a result?	17.06.2021 – 31.12.2023	Arved Fuchs



			The “Dagmar Aaen” will sail from Germany across the North Atlantic to Iceland, then to the east coast of Greenland, around Cape Farewell, and along the coasts of Baffin Island and Labrador. The expedition will continue the following year and is planned to conclude in the fall of 2022. Both the scientific community and the public are invited to follow along. Live data, camera feeds, and analyses will allow people to virtually experience life on board. Scientists from GEOMAR (Kiel) will provide real-time insights into natural phenomena and background knowledge. Weekly podcasts will summarize the expedition’s progress and events on board.		
SAILING #ART4GLOB- ALGOALS (Sailing – Art for Global Goals)	Exhibitions	YOU Foundation – Education for Chil- dren in Need	#ART4GLOBALGOALS is an awareness campaign for the Agenda-2030. The internationally renowned artist Stefan Szczesny was chosen by UNESCO Special Ambassador Ute-Henriette Ohoven to artistically design the 17 Sustainable Development Goals ratified by the UN and the world community in 2015. With a total of 17 paintings, each of which represents one of the goals, the #Art4GlobalGoals are travelling around the world in the form of exclusive exhibition projects and art regattas to create awareness and to sensitize as many people, especially youngsters, as possible. For higher awareness raising, the 17 art-works will sail across well-known rivers and waters, reaching people beyond the shores.	22.08.2021 – 31.12.2030	Claudia Jerger



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Meeresforschung früher, heute und in Zukunft (Marine Sciences in the past, present and future)	Events (incl. training)	Bremen Society for Natural Sciences from 1864	This lecture series showcases examples from marine research in an easy-to-understand setting for the interested public and students. It ranges from organismal to the global level and covers topics from the poles to the tropical regions. Lectures will take place in German on Monday evenings, 8 pm in the Übersee-Museum Bremen.	25.10.2021 – 27.03.2022	Simon Jungblut
Oceanlovers.Education	Events (incl. training)	Moving Adventures Medien GmbH	Ocean Lovers Education offers education officers free access to films with matching educational materials on the topic of marine conservation. In cooperation between the German Ocean Foundation* and the Int. OCEAN FILM TOUR*, a cross-thematic online platform for the education sector has been created: www.oceanlovers.education . The high-quality films produced by the Int. OCEAN FILM TOUR can now be used free of charge by teachers, lecturers, associations and environmental projects in a non-profit context and for educational purposes.	01.01.2022 – 31.12.2022	Henriette Schweiker
Satellite data to meet the UN ocean decade challenges: A series of practical case studies from EUMETSAT	Other	EUMETSAT	This series of case studies will show how satellite data can help to address the 10 UN ocean decade challenges. Case studies will include web articles and Jupyter notebooks providing hands-on examples of working with this data.	05.02.2022 – 05.01.2023	Hayley Evers-King
Seafloor Habitat 2.0 – Ignition Con	Events (incl. training)	CalamarPark	The goal of this meeting is to define and take first steps to establish usable living space on the seafloor; to bring together people from different sectors	17.02.2022 – 17.02.2022	Martin Henke



			with a potential interest of using uw habitations and to trigger potential funding parties.		
In Your Face	Exhibitions	Ocean. Now!	With the art exhibition #inyourface, Ocean. Now! will bring a successful exhibition to three additional locations: Sylt (German coast), Berlin, and Lisbon. In Your Face is a media-driven collective project with participants from around the world that Ocean. Now! realised together with the artist Swaantje Güntzel. The project replicates the artwork Microplastics II on “known faces”. The portraits series consists of 56 portraits that were created in collaboration with the photographers Saskia Uppenkamp and Tomaso Baldessarini. Over a period of 3 months, ocean lovers collected microplastic samples that are now shown symbolically in the shape of a “beauty mask”. The bloody nose stands for the destructive character of microplastics. The project aims at sending a strong signal: it is time to finally ban microplastics in cosmetics and cleaning products. It’s time for us humans to look ourselves in the eye.	22.03.2022 – 01.07.2022	Meike Schützek
National Youth Contest “Research at Sea”	Competitions	German Ocean Foundation	In the National Youth Contest “Research at Sea”, young researcher teams can make their research project a reality on a real research vessel. If they are able to convince the jury with their innovative idea, they can experiment, take samples and analyse on board of the ALDEBARAN for a week. With a scientist at their side, who supports the kids, they are able	27.06.2022 – 22.01.2023	Frank Schweikert



			to work on their research questions. The science counsellors will also accompany the young marine researchers during the preparation and follow-up work for the trip.		
15th International Coral Reef Symposium 2022	Events (incl. training)	University of Bremen, Marine Ecology, UTF, Leobener Str.6, 28359 Bremen, Germany	The 15th International Coral Reef Symposium is the primary international conference on coral reef science, conservation and management. The symposium will be the key event to develop science-based solutions addressing the present and future challenges of coral reefs, which are globally exposed to unprecedented anthropogenic pressures.	03.07.2022 – 08.07.2022	Prof. Dr. Christian Wild
Permanent Exhibition on the museum ship “Cap San Diego”	Exhibitions	German Ocean Foundation	Throughout the duration of the Ocean Decade a permanent exhibition is to be initiated on the museum ship “Cap San Diego” in the port of Hamburg. Tourists and locals alike will have the opportunity to learn about the goals & possibilities of the Decade, experience how marine research can foster sustainable development, and visit a series of events including the YOUMARES conference.	13.07.2022 – 31.12.2030	Frank Schweikert
Ocean Festival Berlin	Exhibitions	German Ocean Foundation	The Ocean Festival aims at inspiring visitors to act. “Culture meets Science” – through an extensive stage programme, adventure areas, educational stations, art and cultural installations and performances, visitors are invited to embark on a journey into the diverse and unknown underwater world.	26.08.2022 – 28.08.2022	Frank Schweikert



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2nd International Ocean Health Symposium on Emerging Marine Diseases, Regulating Functions and Governance Implications	Events (incl. training)	Kiel Marine Science & GEOMAR Helmholtz-Centre for Ocean Research Kiel	Early career scientists as well as established researchers from a broad range of disciplines are invited to exchange their views on ocean disease, extremes, health, and related governance options to articulate a one ocean health perspective. All posters are also electronic available and the talks will be streamed.	29.08.2022 – 31.08.2022	Thorsten Reusch
Equity Perspectives on Global Ocean Law and Governance	Events (incl. training)	Helmholtz-Institute for Functional Marine Biodiversity	Oceans and their natural resources are exhaustible, and do not allow limitless use by States or current generations in light of the needs of future generations. This conference, motivated by the United Nations Decade of Ocean Science for Sustainable Development, aims to trace the extent to which intra- and inter-generational equity have been – or could be – incorporated into global ocean law and governance.	07.09.2022 – 07.09.2022	Katherine Sammler
Ocean Re-CREATION Challenge	Events (incl. training)	TransMarTech S-H GmbH	Innovation Hackathon & Makathon Workshop	19.09.2022 – 24.09.2022	Nele Dagefoerde
YOUNg MARine RE-Searchers (YOUNMARES)	Events (incl. training)	German Society for Marine Research	YOUNMARES conference 2022 will use the second outcome of the Ocean We Want: “A healthy and resilient ocean, where marine ecosystems are understood, protected, restored, and managed” as a guiding framework to promote marine research that covers a variety of ocean related fields and, simultaneously touches upon the Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs).	11.10.2022 – 14.10.2022	Frank Schweikert



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Artist in Residence Fellowship	Creative	Helmholtz Institute for Functional Marine Biodiversity at the University of Oldenburg (HIFMB)	HIFMB and the Hanse-Wissenschaftskolleg, Institute for Advanced Study (HWK), jointly offer a fellowship for one freelance artist. The art projects shall deal with aspects of Marine Biodiversity Change and foster public understanding of marine biodiversity in a changing world through art. The start date of the fellowship shall be between fall 2022 and early 2023. The total duration is ideally between 3 and 4 months. The fellowship is open to applicants from across the globe and working in any creative field! More information and application form on www.hifmb.de/air	01.01.2023 – 31.07.2023	Ruth Krause
“love your ocean” – sustainability initiative	Other	German Ocean Foundation	The “love your ocean” sustainability initiative will be providing information about ocean and water conservation and opportunities to experience the research projects interactively. The aim of our stand is to encourage water sports enthusiasts to be pioneers and ambassadors for healthy oceans and waterways. Every visitor shall become aware of the options for sustainable interaction with our waters.	21.01.2023 – 29.01.2023	Frank Schweikert
Conference Series on the Ocean Decade for Sustainable Development	Events (incl. training)	German Ocean Foundation	From 2021 to 2030, 2 conferences are to be held annually to accompany the UN Ocean Decade for Sustainable Development. The individual conferences will be based strongly on the 17 sustainability goals.	19.04.2021 – 31.08.2030	Frank Schweikert
Permanent Exhibition on the museum ship ‘Cap San Diego’	Exhibitions	German Ocean Foundation	Throughout the duration of the Ocean Decade a permanent exhibition is to be initiated on the museum ship “Cap San Diego” in the port of Hamburg. Tourists and locals alike will have the opportunity to learn	01.07.2021 – 31.07.2030	Frank Schweikert



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Offshore Dialogue – new technologies for future needs	Other	German Association for Marine Technology e.V. GMT	Panel I – Offshore Technology – Mitigation and Adaption to Climate Change Offshore Dialogue welcomes some of the industry's leading experts to discuss innovative maritime technologies for monitoring climate change processes in the oceans as well as the opportunities offered by digitalisation to achieve our climate targets. Impulse given by National Decade Committee Board Member Dr. Steffen Knodt "UN Ocean Decade – Decisive ten years for the ocean and all of us!" Panel II – Offshore Energy Technologies for Today Another topic will be ways of generating energy from the oceans. Still a technological challenge, this includes decommissioning existing large-scale offshore installations and facilities, which will be a very important task for the next decades.	09.08.2022 – 08.09.2022	Steffen Knodt
NORTH SOUTH ATLANTIC TRAINING 2022 (OCEANCAPX NOSOAT)	Events (incl. training)	Alfred Wegener Institute Helmholtz Centre for Polar and Marine Research	The transit expedition from Bremerhaven via Las Palmas to Cape Town (South Africa) starts on the 31.08.2022 and is divided into two sections: Bremerhaven – Las Palmas and Las Palmas – Cape Town. Both legs are dedicated to the training of NIPPON-POGO scholarship scholars. An international group of 14 scholars from 14 countries will be trained in oceanographic techniques and ocean Knowledge during a "floating summer school". They will learn methods of data collection, processing and handling. As an additional task during the transit, chemical and physical	31.08.2022 – 29.09.2022	Angelika Dummermuth



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			measurements of the energy and mass exchange between ocean and atmosphere will be performed. Furthermore, the students will get an introduction to the physics of the climate system, international climate negotiations, and the goals of the UN Ocean Decade.		
ICYMARE 2022 BREMERHAVEN	Events (incl. training)	Bremen Society for Natural Sciences from 1864 (Naturwissenschaftlicher Verein zu Bremen von 1864 NWV)	The annual and purely bottom-up organized International Conference for Young MARine REsearchers ICYMARE 2022 BREMERHAVEN provides marine early career scientists with the opportunity to gain first conference experience on eye-to-eye level as well as a starting point to build their own international network.	13.09.2022 – 16.09.2022	Simon Jungblut
Sonic Ocean a sensuous dive into the sounds of the underwater world	Creative	Stuttgarter Kollektiv für aktuelle Musik (S-K-A-M. e.V.)	From 17 to 19 November 2022, cellist Céline Papion together with an international team of artists will submerge the Hospitalkirche Stuttgart into the sea. Space, music and light. Sonic Ocean creates an informative and poetic programme that reveals the sonic beauty of the underwater world as well as its destruction by noise pollution.	17.11.2022 – 19.11.2022	Bissera Nikolova
CHANGE NOW! Schiffe verändern die Welt – Sonderausstellung im Deutschen Schifffahrtsmuseums CHANGE NOW! Ships Change the	Other	German Maritime Museum – Leibniz Institute for Maritime History	Ships change the world – and how this happens is shown by the German Maritime Museum – Leibniz Institute of Maritime History in its exhibition for the UN Decade of Ocean Exploration. The exhibition CHANGE NOW! presents ships as the starting point for ocean use and exploration and shows how the oceans are changing due to human influence.	25.02.2022 – 31.07.2022	Prof. Dr. Sunhild Kleingärtner



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Word A special exhibition at the German Maritime Museum					
Mental Health as a Professional Attitude in Science: Practice failure in academia	Events (incl. training)	Helmholtz Institute for Functional Marine Biodiversity at the University of Oldenburg (HIFMB)	This is another half-a-day workshop at HIFMB dealing with Mental Health as a Professional Attitude in Science. In consultation with participants prior to the workshop and continuing the previous discussions on Mental Health Awareness and Strategies for Destress and Rebalance, this workshop aims to empower especially early career scientists to create a positive culture of failure in science and to learn about coping strategies for the fear of failure.	14.09.2022 – 14.09.2022	Ruth Krause
Rhine to Ocean campaign: raising public awareness inland	Events (incl. training)	The Dolphin's Voice	How do people living inland build a relationship with the ocean? How can they understand the consequences of their everyday actions? At public events in Germany along the Rhine river, we explain to children how land and sea are connected and we discuss the Sustainable Development Goals with the public.	09.10.2022 – 31.12.2025	Alexander Endl
WASCAL Floating University	Other	GEOMAR Helmholtz Centre for Ocean Research Kiel	A multidisciplinary "Floating University" expedition for West African students as part of the German-funded WASCAL Master program "Climate Change and Marine Sciences" in Mindelo, Cabo Verde. During this expedition we will train the next generation of marine scientist and decisionmakers from 10 West African countries in marine research methodologies. We got RV Maria S. Merian next spring to carry out the floating university cruise with the West African students. The new cruise label is now: MSM106	26.02.2022 – 19.03.2022	Dr. Björn Fiedler



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Graphical Recording Workshop during VECOP: Collective steps for healthy oceans and healthy researchers, poster	Publications	Germany	During VECOP days and starting ceremony of the Ocean Decade, we organised workshops “Collective steps for healthy oceans and healthy researchers”. An artist graphically recorded the workshop, the result is a visual map, a poster, that provides a synthesis of the output and a reflective summary of key issues facing early career researchers.	07.09.2021 – 31.12.2021	Ruth Krause
Ozeandekade: eine Diskussion mit den beach cleanern, inspirational talk	Events (incl. training)	beach cleaner	Raising awareness about ocean plastic pollution, plastic free living by beach cleaner family	22.11.2021 – 22.11.2021	Anne Mäusbacher
Sustainable Investing in the Blue Economy	Events (incl. training)	ICF Institutional Capital Forum	The loss of biodiversity in the oceans represents a relative risk for investors. The transition from the current short-term, disruptive approach to ocean assets to a climate-safe and sustainable Blue Economy represents a huge economic and sustainable investment opportunity.	29.09.2021 – 29.09.2021	Mario Weiss
European Maritime Day Partner Event “A boost for sustainable sea and ocean solutions. Intelligent technologies for the Blue Economy – ISSS platform”. Virtual Event	Events (incl. training)	Fraunhofer-Gesellschaft	The Innovation Platform “Sustainable Sea and Ocean Solutions – ISSS” aims at key enabling intelligent technologies for in-depth technological innovations and solutions for the BLUE Economy. With this EMD Partner Event we aim to raise industrial, political, public and scientific awareness for our applied research work to develop solutions to present and future ocean challenges.	23.09.2021 – 23.09.2021	Julia Freis



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GMT get-together "Sustainable Ocean"	Events (incl. training)	German Association for Marine Technology GMT	The GMT will host a get-together "Sustainable Ocean" as a pre-event of the SEADEVCON for the wider maritime community. The focus will be to inform about the potential for "ship of opportunities" with the UN Ocean Decade and how further "Ocean Impact" can be supported to restore ocean health and coastal ecosystems.	23.09.2021 – 23.09.2021	Petra Mahnke / Steffen Kodt
YOUNARES YOUNg MARine REsearchers Conference	Events (incl. training)	German Society for Marine Research e.V.	YOUNARES was organized for the first time in 2010 as network meeting for YOUNg MARine REsearchers. Within the German Society for Marine Research (DGM) the Working Group on Studies and Education was founded to organize that yearly event. Since 2010 YOUNARES has developed into the largest meeting for young marine scientists in Germany.	14.09.2021 – 17.09.2021	Frank Schweikert
Clean Ocean Sustainable Productive Ocean Healthy & Resilient Ocean	Competitions	TransMarTech Schleswig-Holstein GmbH	Supra-Regional Hackathon on coastal and marine conservation. During the event participants work in teams on prior submitted challenges. Challenges are submitted by economic companies & institutions.	13.09.2021 – 17.09.2021	Nele Dageförde
Mental Health as a Professional Attitude in Science: Routines, Hints, and Strategies for Destress and Rebalance; a workshop for Early Career Scientists	Events (incl. training)	Helmholtz Institute for Functional Marine Biodiversity at the University of Oldenburg (HIFMB)	This half-a-day workshop deals with Mental Health as a Professional Attitude in Science. In consultation with participants prior to the workshop and continuing the previous Life Discussion on Mental Health Awareness, it will develop strategies for overcoming the Impostor Syndrome as well as routines, hints, and strategies for destress and rebalance.	09.07.2021 – 09.07.2021	Ruth Krause
Swimming to Helgoland	Events (incl. training)	Deutsche Meeresstiftung	André Wiersig, the only German who conquered the "Ocean's Seven", plans be the first swimmer to cover	25.08.2021 – 09.05.2021	André Wiersig



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			the 48.5 kilometers distance from the North German mainland to the deep-sea island of Helgoland. His record-breaking swim is used to advocate the UN-Ocean Decade to a big audience across Germany and abroad.		
National Youth Contest “Research at Sea”	Competitions	German Ocean Foundation	The “Research at Sea” youth competition allows students to realize their projects on board a real research vessel, the ALDEBARAN. After successful submission of their innovative idea they can experiment, take samples, and analyse their findings together with an expert scientist for one week.	05.07.2021– 31.08.2021	Frank Schweikert
SEADEVCON – Maritime Developers Conference for Climate Action	Events (incl. training)	SEADEVCON – Maritime Developers Conference for Climate Action	SEADEVCON developed since 2018 into an industry conference bringing together experts from the maritime business, representatives from shipping companies, researchers and academics, developers of hard- and software technologies, NGOs, and environmental activists to present attempts at technical solutions, to discuss the future of the sector, and to look at the ports of tomorrow, with a special focus on reducing industry-caused emissions and ocean impact. We are committed to the United Nations Sustainable Development Goals.	23.08.2021 – 22.09.2021	Carsten Bullemer / Steffen Knodt
Ocean Festival	Events (incl. training)	German Ocean Foundation	The Ocean Festival aims at inspiring visitors to act. “Culture meets Science” – through an extensive stage programme, adventure areas, educational stations, art and cultural installations and performances, visitors are invited to embark on a journey into the diverse and unknown underwater world.	20.08.2021– 22.08.2021	Frank Schweikert



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Die Ozeandekade in Deutschland – Welche Möglichkeiten bietet sie Deutschland – was bietet Deutschland? ENG: The Ocean Decade in Germany – what opportunities does it offer for Germany – what can Germany offer?	Events (incl. training)	German National Ocean Decade Committee	The elected German National Decade Committee organizes this event to bring together the stakeholders interested in the UN Ocean Decade in Germany to inform them about the Decade and discuss opportunities to engage in a German network.	06.02.2021 – 06.02.2021	Prof. Dr. Martin Visbeck
love your ocean	Events (incl. training)	German Ocean Foundation	The “love your ocean” sustainability initiative will be providing information about ocean and water conservation and opportunities to experience the research projects interactively. The aim of our stand is to encourage water sports enthusiasts to be pioneers and ambassadors for healthy oceans and waterways. Every visitor shall become aware of the options for sustainable interaction with our waters.	17.04.2021 – 25.04.2021	Frank Schweikert
Computer Vision in the Ocean Workshop	Events (incl. training)	GEOMAR Helmholtz Centre for Ocean Research Kiel	This workshop brings together experts and researchers interested in learning about the challenges, current work and opportunities in visual measuring, mapping and monitoring (“underwater vision”) of the oceans. We invite specialists from the fields of ocean sciences, machine vision and pattern recognition to learn and discuss about the recent development, opportunities and also pressing problems and open questions.	17.04.2022 – 10.11.2021	Dr. Kevin Köser



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The Wave	Events (incl. training)	German Ocean Foundation	Ocean-Installation for the start of the UN Decade of Ocean Science for Sustainable Development (2021–2030) with H.S.H. Prince Albert II of Monaco (requested) to the finish line of the UNESCO / Vendée Globe / Ocean Ambassador Boris Herrmann on the facade of the Miniatur Wunderland Hamburg, HafenCity www.oceandecade.org – www.ozeandekade.org on Thursday, January 28th, 2021 – 6:00 pm to 7:00 pm	28.01.2021 – 28.01.2021	Frank Schweikert
ICYMARE 2023 OLDENBURG	Congress/Symposium/Conference	Bremen Society for Natural Sciences from 1864 (Naturwissenschaftlicher Verein zu Bremen von 1864 NWV)	ICYMARE 2023 OLDENBURG will be the 2023 edition of the annual International Conference for Young MARine REsearchers ICYMARE. The whole conference is organized in a bottom–up manner by the marine early career researchers themselves. The conference will start with an icebreaker event in natural history museum of Oldenburg. The opening will be accompanied by a plenary discussion. After some parallel sessions of oral presentations, the first evening will be devoted to the poster presentations. The second afternoon is reserved for workshops and excursions. The last day comprises parallel oral presentations, a keynote lecture as well as an awarding and closing ceremony. At all aspects of the conference care will be taken towards a relaxed atmosphere in which the participants easily get to know each other. Furthermore, we are working towards a green strategy, e.g., only ordering plastic-free organic food, drinks in glass bottles, avoiding flyers and plastic give-aways, etc.	19.09.2023 – 22.09.2023	Simon Jungblut



Our oceans as the basis for life and business	Workshop/Course/Training/Summer School	German Association for Marine Technology GMT / Ocean Decade Committee	What role do the oceans play in the global climate crisis and what strategic importance do they have for (German) industry? What role do technology, information and data play in the sustainable development of maritime resources? In this workshop, we would like to give representatives of companies and interested parties from other stakeholder groups the opportunity to discuss concrete challenges and approaches to solutions for the maritime economy in the context of the UN Ocean Decade.	26.10.2022 – 26.10.2022	Steffen Knodt
EUMETSAT Supporting Marine EO Applications, 2022	Workshop/Course/Training/Summer School	EUMETSAT	The "Supporting Marine Earth Observation Applications" course, jointly organised by EUMETSAT and the National and Kapodistrian University of Athens, will teach participants how to independently use products provided by EUMETSAT Copernicus marine missions, those derived downstream and from supporting missions, and those from the Ocean and Sea-Ice Satellite Application Facility.	31.10.2022 – 25.11.2022	Benjamin Loveday
Kids for the Ocean School Marocco	Workshop/Course/Training/Summer School	beach cleaner	Beach clean-up on in Tamraght/Tagazhout with educational trash talk, presentation about ocean pollution, protection and our initiative all in one day	06.04.2023 – 06.04.2023	Anne Mäusbacher
sustainMare lecture series	Webinar/Seminar/Lecture	Helmholtz–Zentrum Hereon	The sustainMare lecture series covers a wide range of topic from the sustainMare Research Mission (Decade Action No. 16.3.).	29.03.2023 – 19.07.2023	Kai Hoppe
World Ocean Review	Publication (Academic articles,	maribus gGmbH	The "World Ocean Reviews" are published by maribus, the non-profit limited liability company founded by mareverlag. maribus was founded for the specific	01.11.2023 - 30.10.2024	Jan Lehmköster



	policy reports, books...)		purpose of raising public awareness of marine science and thus contributing to more effective marine protection. Our publications are not sold, but given away free of charge. They are available in both English and German and are reviewed by national and international experts before publication. The next issue No. 8 is dedicated to the question of how the increasingly drastic consequences of man-made climate change can be mitigated and the promised climate goals achieved. This will require not only a massive reduction in CO2 emissions but also the removal of CO2 from the atmosphere. The role the ocean can play in this process and the expected ecological, economic, legal and social impacts are clearly and informatively presented in this publication and can be downloaded free of charge under www.worldoceanreview.com		
Workshop on the new BBNJ agreement	Workshop/Course/Training/Summer School	Institute for the Law of the Sea and International Marine Environmental Law (ISRIM)	The workshop "Conservation and sustainable use of marine biological diversity of areas beyond national jurisdiction (BBNJ)" takes place on 1 September 2023 in Genoa, Italy. The workshop is intended for professionals with and without legal background, particularly for scientists of marine biology, marine geology and marine biotechnology, who would like to know more of the background and recent developments of the new UN agreement on the conservation and sustainable use of marine biological diversity of areas beyond national jurisdiction (BBNJ). A participation in this public workshop is free of charge.	01.09.2023 – 01.09.2023	Andree Kirchner



Pollutants and micro-plastics in the Indian Ocean	Other	Leibnitz Institute for Baltic Sea Research	The expedition uses the obligatory transit between Singapore and Port Louis to measure a range of pollutants in the air, surface waters and water column of the Indian Ocean to quantify anthropogenic stress and to provide a first risk assessment in the region. Furthermore, it is planned to identify the water masses their sources and element cycling processes in this understudied region. The study area represents an ideal model system as it crosses almost the entire Indian Ocean basin, starting from the highly populated regions of Indonesia and Singapore and extending into the open Indian Ocean. The expedition allows better understanding of the impact of megacities on the landcoast-ocean interaction and beyond, in a very sensitive and understudied marine ecosystem.	16.07.2024 – 05.08.2024	Janika Reineccius
ICYMARE 2024 BREMEN	Congress/Symposium/Conference	Bremen Society for Natural Sciences from 1864 (Naturwissenschaftlicher Verein zu Bremen von 1864 NWV)	ICYMARE 2024 BREMEN will be the 2024 edition of the annual International Conference for Young Marine REsearchers ICYMARE. The whole conference is organized in a bottom-up manner by the marine early career researchers themselves. The conference will start with an icebreaker event in the Übersee-Museum Bremen. The conference opening will be accompanied by a plenary discussion. After some parallel sessions of oral presentations, the first evening will be devoted to the poster presentations. The second afternoon is reserved for workshops and excursions. The last day comprises parallel oral presentations, a keynote lecture as well as an awarding and closing ceremony. At all aspects of the	16.09.2024 – 20.09.2024	Simon Jungblut



			conference care will be taken towards a relaxed atmosphere in which the participants easily get to know each other. Furthermore, we are working towards a green strategy, e.g., only ordering plastic-free organic food, drinks in glass bottles, avoiding flyers and plastic give-aways, etc.		
Ocean Science Jam	Exhibition (Artistic or Scientific)	Helmholtz Institute for Functional Marine Biodiversity at the University of Oldenburg	The Ocean Science Jam is a new project which brings together musicians, artists, dancers, performers and marine biodiversity scientists to respond creatively in real time to visual and audio cues based on a theme related to marine scientists work at the Helmholtz Institute for Functional Marine Biodiversity at the University of Oldenburg (HIFMB) and the Alfred Wegener Institute, Helmholtz Centre for Polar and Marine Research (AWI).	12.10.2023 – 12.10.2023	Geraint Rhys Whittaker
Zukunftsbox Meere (Future Box "Oceans")	Other	Deutsche Allianz Meeresforschung	How do we want to live with the oceans? How can we deal with the seas, coasts and oceans in such a sustainable way that we safeguard our natural livelihoods? How do we shape a desirable future on our "blue planet"? The materials in the Future Box "Oceans" can be used to discuss ideas for a sustainable future for our oceans and to develop creative impulses and visions together. The materials are based on methods of futurology, education for sustainable development and design thinking. They are suitable for students of all school types from grade 7 onwards and can also be used for workshops with adults.	01.12.2023 – 31.12.2030	Ute Wilhelmsen



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OCEAN GALLERY	Exhibition (Artistic or Scientific)	OCEAN GALLERY	Many artists find a source of inspiration for their creative process in nature. With the OCEAN GALLERY, the photographer Julia Ochs wants to give something back to nature and creates a place that combines art and activism. Her photographs impressively capture fascinating water textures, breathtaking landscapes and the multi-faceted beauty of the seas. The OCEAN GALLERY is a gallery dedicated to nature, especially the oceans. The aim of the gallery is to raise awareness of the fragility of the oceans, generate donations and help shape positive change. On June 8th, World Oceans Day, the pop-up OCEAN GALLERY celebrated its opening at Eberhardstraße 3 in Stuttgart (Germany).	08.06.2023 – 08.06.2024	Julia Ochs
Unlocking drone science for tropical oceans	Workshop/Course/Training/Summer School	Leibniz Centre for Tropical Marine Research (ZMT)	In the summer of 2024 The Leibniz Centre for Tropical Marine Research (ZMT) hosts an international workshop on the challenges and opportunities of using consumer-grade drones for coastal and marine research in the tropics. Run in cooperation with the Euro-Mediterranean Centre on Climate Change (CMCC), Institut de Recherche Pour le Développement (IRD), and Institute for Marine and Coastal Research (INVMAR), it serves as a basis for co-developing a joint UNDOS proposal and state-of-the-art guidelines on scientific drone operations. It contributes directly to important UNDOS challenges such as protecting and restoring ecosystems and biodiversity, unlocking ocean-based solutions to climate change, increasing community resilience to ocean hazards, and expanding the Global Ocean Observing System. The work-	22.07.2024 – 24.07.2024	Sonia Bejarano



			shop facilitates cooperation among scientists, aviation authorities and drone developers to realise the full potential of scientific drone use.		
Oceans paradoxa: a dive into data	Audiovisual production (video etc.)	KollageKollektiv	The project aims to raise awareness about the environmental impact of human activities on the marine ecosystem. Combining audiovisual (AV) technologies and multisensorial experiences, it creates an interactive journey from 1860 to 2100, exploring the consequences of CO2 emissions. Guided by sound, users virtually interact with threatened marine creatures, emphasizing the urgency to preserve the ecosystem. Collaborations with scientists ensure scientific accuracy. The chronological narrative, balanced interactivity, and captivating storytelling enhance user engagement. Accessibility features, high-quality visual and audio design, and effective data visualization contribute to the immersive experience. Educational partnerships and post-experience engagement strategies broaden the project's reach and impact. The goal is to transform scientific information into a contemporary, emotional, and educational tool, fostering a collective responsibility to protect the marine ecosystem.	07.01.2024 – 31.03.2024	Massimiliano Iob
Behold, the Sea itself!	Other	University of Bremen	Under the title "Behold, the Sea Itself!", the orchestra and choir of the University of Bremen will perform British composer Vaughn Williams' impressive 1st symphony "A Sea Symphony," written for choir and orchestra and inspired by texts by Walt Whitman. The extremely demanding piece is one of the most underrated compositions of the 20th century and was arranged in 1910 before the First World War.	28.01.2024 – 28.01.2024	Victoria Kuerzinger



			For the symphony's performance, the university's orchestra and choir, be joined on stage by international soloists, including the Italian coloratura soprano Karola Pavone and the Canadian baritone David Pike. To deepen and contextualize the message of the symphony, the University of Bremen's Center for Marine Environmental Sciences at the University of Bremen (MARUM) is offering an intriguing insight into deep-sea research in Bremen with an exhibition in the Glocke foyer.		
CINEMARE International Ocean Film Festival 2024	Other	CINEMARE International Ocean Film Festival	The CINEMARE International Ocean Film Festival, founded in 2016, aims to raise awareness of and love for the ocean and encourage people to get involved in its protection. Ultimately, we will only protect the oceans if we learn to love them. CINEMARE is interdisciplinary and connects through film: marine conservation, art and science communication. With its program, CINEMARE shares the SDG #14 and actively works towards tackling the UN Ocean Decade Challenge # 10. In 2024, CINEMARE partners with the German Ocean Decade Committee (ODK): Together they will offer a diverse range of events (workshops, school screenings, panel discussions) on the topic of Ocean Literacy. CINEMARE is a member of the Green Film Network. The GFN is a partner of the United Nations Environment Program. CINEMARE and IOFF International Ocean Film Festival San Francisco have been official partner festivals since 2018.	24.04.2024 – 28.04.2024	Till Dietsche



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Pos. Paper Interdisciplinary Marine Research	Publication (Academic articles, policy reports, books...)	Konsortium Deutsche Meeresforschung (KDM, German Marine Research Consortium)	In the framework of the current UN Ocean Decade (2021–2030), the position paper "From Marine Research to Societal Action: Perspectives for Interdisciplinary Collaboration in the Anthropocene" aims to promote cross-disciplinary transformative research approaches for the protection and the sustainable use of the ocean and coasts. The position paper presents corresponding strategies and development pathways for future interdisciplinary marine research. It builds on a workshop (June 2023) in which established marine scientists jointly identified and discussed perspectives on interdisciplinary marine research along three key topics: a) Interdisciplinary Empiricism, b) Marine Science Policy and c) Collaborative Research.	15.03.2024 – 15.03.2030	Annette Breckwoldt
För de Küste Beach Clean-Up, Kiel	Other	THW Kiel Handball-Bundesliga GmbH & Co KG	On Saturday, February 17, 2024, citizens can actively engage "for the coast " (för de Küste): At the För de Küste Beach Clean-up in Schilksee's Olympic Harbour and on the beach, the still visible consequences of the severe Baltic Sea storm surge in October and the winter storms will be removed. Experienced divers from Ghost Diving Germany will be searching the water in front of the beach section and in the Olympic Harbour in Kiel-Schilksee for larger debris from the sunken boats and damaged harbour facilities. Citizens of all ages are invited to help collect and sort the garbage recovered by the divers. The event is organized and sponsored by Kiel's world-class handball team THW Kiel. Some of the team's players will actively participate in the clean-up.	17.02.2024 – 17.02.2024	Stefanie Klaunig



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Oldenburg Climate Symposium: Climate People Ocean	Congress/Symposium/Conference	HIFMB – Helmholtz Institute for Functional Marine Biodiversity	The Oldenburg Climate Symposium is a Science-Policy dialogue involving scientists, decision-makers, societal groups, etc. and always starts with “Climate, People and ...”. In 2024 the focus will be on Ocean science. Additionally, there are interactions between science and art, as well as public event formats that include an evening lecture. The core program spans two days and takes place at the University of Oldenburg. An explicit role is designated for early career scientists. The symposium consists of 4 main elements: 1. Lectures by invited speakers, graphically recorded by artist 2. Art intervention as a reflection and extension of the discussed science 3. Workshop for generating science/policy instruments. For Early Career Researchers (ECR), invited speakers, and potentially others 4. Panel discussion with decision-makers and representatives of societal groups, followed by a public lecture.	09.09.2024 – 12.09.2024	Ruth Krause
Panel Discussion "Preserving Our High Seas"	Congress/Symposium/Conference	Team Malizia	The High Seas are under significant threat: there is a substantial loss of biodiversity, ruthless industrial exploitation such as deep-sea mining, irresponsible overfishing, geopolitical conflicts, plastic pollution, and climate change – the list is extensive and growing rapidly. One of the most vulnerable natural areas on our planet requires special attention and urgently calls for our assistance. The panel discussion “Preserving Our High Seas: A call to Action for Ocean Conservation” organized by Team Malizia, is taking place just steps away from the headquarters of the United Nations, gathers dedicated experts, activists,	23.05.2024 – 23.05.2024	Cornelius Eich



			and ocean advocates to convey a clear and compelling message to the world: Ocean protection is not optional; it is imperative! The participants in the discussion will elucidate why the High Seas are crucially important to our own existence as humans, and furthermore, explore what can be done to better understand and protect them.		
Kippen kippen ("Curb the butts")	Other	EndPlasticSoup Germany	Many cigarette butts are left on the street every day - and ultimately end up in drains, rivers, lakes and oceans: Just one cigarette butt can contaminate up to 1000 Liter of Water!. End Plastic Soup created the campaign "Kippen kippen" to create awareness for this source of pollution created by incorrect disposal practices. As part of the campaign, EPS encourages kids and young citizens to take immediate action by participating in a competitive clean-up challenge: Schools are asked to form groups and collect cigarette butts from sidewalks and public spaces and dispose of them correctly. End Plastic Soup's proclaimed goal for the challenge: Collect and remove 1 million cigarette butts until June 8, 2024 (World Ocean Day). The campaign is accompanied by a comprehensive one-page leaflet that summarizes the main facts about inappropriate cigarette disposal and the effects on water and suggests concrete actions to eradicate this source of pollution.	24.04.2024 – 08.06.2024	Marja Ritterfeld
International Marine Environmental Law	Workshop/Course/Training/Summer School	Hugo Grotius gGmbH – non-profit society for	The workshop "International Marine Environmental Law" will take place in presence (free of charge) in Genoa, Italy on 30/08/2024, 09:00–13:00 h. It is organized by the Institute for the Law of the Sea and International Marine Environmental Law (ISRIM,	30.08.2024 – 30.08.2024	Andree Kirchner



		the advancement of legal sciences	www.isrim.de) – a research institute of the Hugo Grotius gGmbH – non-profit society for the advancement of legal sciences (www.hugo-grotius.org), Bremen and the University of Genoa, Italy. The workshop will be organized in the framework of the 10th Summer School on the European Union and the Law of the Sea (EULoS, www.eu-los.eu). The workshop will be recorded and the videos will be available on the YouTube channel of ISRIM at https://www.youtube.com/user/ISRIMde The workshop will address the recent developments and trends of the law of the sea from an international and EU perspective. The full programmer will be available later.		
Meeresumwelt-Symposium 2024	Congress/Symposium/Conference	Federal Maritime and Hydrographic Agency	The Marine Environment Symposium provides an annual platform for discussing current challenges regarding the protection and use of the oceans. Based on the current state of research, potential solutions are discussed together in order to improve the state of the oceans and to achieve a sustainable use of the oceans. The event promotes the necessary dialog between numerous stakeholders. These include ministries and authorities, research institutions and universities, non-governmental organizations, companies and the interested public. The Federal Maritime and Hydrographic Agency has been organizing the event since 1990 – in cooperation with the Federal Environment Agency and the Federal Agency for Nature Conservation on behalf of the Federal Ministry for the Environment, Nature Conservation, Nuclear Safety and Consumer Protection. Since 2022, the Marine Environment Symposium takes	28.05.2024 – 29.05.2024	Sina Bold



			place as a hybrid event. Around 300 participants on site and around 500 online participants are expected.		
Tag der Meeresschutzstadt	Other	Ocean Summit	On World Ocean Day, Ocean Summit presents "Tag der Meeresschutzstadt" (Day of the Ocean Protection City) in Kiel, by the Baltic Sea. Ocean Summit is an educational and networking platform and regularly organizes ocean-related activities. The 2-day event aims to raise awareness, educate, and inspire action for ocean health and protection. Day one focuses on interactive workshops for school classes, covering topics like microplastics and ocean sustainability. Evening events feature storytelling for a wider audience of all ages. On day two over 30 startups, organizations, and research institutions are given the opportunity to present themselves by promoting ocean protection through innovative projects and interactive activities. With over 18,000 participants last year, this event highlights diverse ways to support ocean protection. Events like these are necessary for people to further understand the need for action, so that everyone can get involved to support more sustainable behavior.	07.06.2024 – 08.06.2024	Katharina Troch
Santiano, "Doggerland" Tour (Germany)	Other	Santiano Leuchfeuer	Since their founding and with increasing success, the members of the well-known German shanty rock band SANTIANO have dedicated themselves to philanthropic causes, that are close to their hearts, from supporting children and refugees to protecting the oceans – always connecting ideas of the humanity and their love for the ocean. Front man Bjorn Both became an active member of the German Ocean	05.04.2024 – 30.12.2024	Ulrike Heine



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			Decade Committee (ODK) in early 2024. His aim is to use Santiano's broad reach to communicate the goals of the UN Ocean Decade and use rally support from societal groups that are so far not engaged in ocean protection. Santiano wants to use its upcoming multi-city Germany tour– Doggerland (https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=CxXMzo1sXEA – Start: 8.4.2024, 200.000 sold tickets) – as a platform to communicate the goals of the Ocean Decade through engaging information on large LED screens and an accompanying flyer promoting ways to actively engage in Decade.		
Together for the oceans	Workshop/Course/Training/Summer School	Förde-vhs	Together for the oceans – the relevance of healthy oceans in a global context We depend on the health of the oceans. How can we raise awareness for the protection of the seas? The Förde-vhs offers a training course in cooperation with local and global actors in the field of marine conservation, based on the principles of Education for Sustainable Development (ESD). It is aimed at people in the education sector who want to engage as multipliers. Within six workshop sessions, knowledge about marine and coastal protection, the impact of dietary habits on the marine ecosystem, and possible actions to protect the oceans will be conveyed. The highlight of the training is a full-day sailing trip on the traditional sailing ship 'Belle Amie' combined with practical marine research.	25.04.2024 – 07.10.2024	Lena Kruit
Briese Award for Marine Research	Other	Briese Schifffahrts GmbH & Co. KG	Since 2010, the shipping company Briese Schifffahrts GmbH & Co. KG Leer/Ostfriesland and the Leibniz Institute for Baltic Sea Research Warnemünde	21.05.2024 – 21.05.2024	Klaus Küper



		Research For- schungsschifffahrt	(IOW) have been awarding the 'Briese Award for Marine Research'. This award recognizes outstanding contributions to marine research, the results of which particularly closely related to the mission of research vessels and the use and development of technology and/or data collection at sea. In 2024 the award's recipient is the marine biologist Dr. Hagen Buck-Wiese for his work on 'Enzymatic diversification and brown algae as sources of complex glycans in the marine dissolved organic carbon reservoir'. The award ceremony will take place on May 21st on board the research ship MARIA S. MERIAN.		
OCEAN CHANGE 2024 – Open Observation Expedition	Other	Arved Fuchs Expeditionen	As part of his long-term project OCEAN CHANGE, explorer Arved Fuchs sets sails again in June 2024 to support open observation and citizen science: Gathering a dedicated volunteer crew, the historic sailing vessel DAGMAR AAEN will cruise along the Norwegian Coast and the Barentsea and collect observation data. The goal: Contributing to the understanding of the changes in the oceans and their effects on global climate and coastal landscapes. In cooperation with GEOMAR, AWI and IWO Warnemünde, meteorological and oceanographic data (salinity, CO2 saturation, surface water temp. etc) is transmitted to the BELUGA platform in real time. The cruise's other goal is to raise awareness for the dramatic changes in the oceans. Videos and interviews documenting life on board the DAGMAR AAEN will be broadcasted through various channels before, during and after the cruise.	15.06.2024 – 30.11.2024	Arved Fuchs



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Submersive Atmospheres	Exhibition (Artistic or Scientific)	the Helmholtz Institute for Functional Marine Biodiversity at the University of Oldenburg and the Alfred Wegener Institute for Polar and Marine Research.	The submersive atmospheres exhibition will be a two week-long art-science installation which will display 6 new audio-visual pieces created from art-science collaborations between international artists and marine scientists from the Helmholtz Institute for Functional Marine Biodiversity at the University of Oldenburg and the Alfred Wegener Institute for Polar and Marine Research. How this will work? 6 international artists will be paired with 6 different marine scientists to create 6 new pieces which will combine research questions on the most pressing issues facing our oceans with art. These audio-visual pieces will then be displayed for the public to interact with in a free to the public exhibition.	07.12.2024 – 22.12.2024	Geraint Whittaker
Pro Ocean Ocean Conservation	Other	Pro Ocean (Life e.V.)	We protect the oceans on the Philippines one of only 17 mega-biodiverse countries which is also the largest emitter of ocean plastic worldwide. With fair jobs for our collection teams, education for pupils and innovative recycling projects we are tackling ocean plastic in a holistic way. We are working on an eye-level with local communities and foster awareness regarding the oceans.	01.01.2024 – 31.12.2025	Lukas Roth
KUNTforum	Other	Rüm Hart-Stiftung	The KUNTforum online database brings together existing and new educational programmes in Germany on various aspects of marine conservation from scientific institutions, associations, foundations and companies, with the following aims for easy access by schools 1. raising awareness of the global importance of the oceans for humanity in terms of cli-	25.09.2024 – 31.12.2030	Dirk Janssen



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			mate protection, biodiversity and food/economic development (the latter especially for countries of the global south) 2. raise awareness of the impact of various interventions (e.g. overfishing, plastic pollution, warming/acidification due to climate change) 3. to raise awareness of the global impact of local actions by highlighting opportunities for social and personal behaviour change.		
Inspiring ocean	Workshop/Course/Training/Summer School	Institute for Art and Innovation	In 2022, the Institute for Art and Innovation (IFAI) and its partners realized the Ocean Future Lab for adults. Now, with the Ocean Future school Lab (OFsL) we address pupils. The focus lies on the Baltic and North Seas with five topics: All water flows into the oceans!/ Who owns the oceans?/ Use of the oceans/ Perception of the oceans/ Acting for the oceans, using the OFsL Innovation Archive containing links to science projects related to the topics. In the 1st edition of OFsL between 02–07/2024, a primary and secondary school let fourteen 11 year and eight 14 year olds take part in workshops that lasted from one week to one month per topic. The results were presented in both schools to 937 pupils + 94 teachers, as well as on World Ocean Day 2024 organized by Ocean Summit Kiel (2000 visitors p/hr, 5hrs). From 11/09/24 – 31/01/2025, the OFsL will start into its 2nd round, this time addressing pupils (15–17 years) to work on 2 topics: The use of the oceans and Acting for the oceans.	11.09.2024 – 31.01.2025	Nicole Loeser
Letters to the Sea	Communications campaign	Onewater/ Somos OceanoS	"Letters to the Sea" is a global initiative that collects and showcases heartfelt letters from young ocean enthusiasts worldwide. Promoted by Somos	01.10.2024 – 01.10.2025	Veronica Relaño



			OceanoS, a UN Ocean Decade Project, it combines accessible science communication and community engagement to foster inclusive marine conservation. We invite youth aged 3 to 22 to share their thoughts and feelings about their unique relationship with the ocean. These letters will be showcased at conferences and high-level meetings. We aim to collect 1.000.000 letters for an exhibit at the Ocean Decade Conference in Nice. We portray the connection between communities and the ocean through young individuals' perspectives. By showcasing these letters and facilitating their adoption by ocean leaders, we create a profound dialogue and enhance ocean literacy. This initiative raises awareness about crucial marine issues while offering a glimpse into the challenges and needs of a generation intertwined with the future of marine systems.		
Our Ocean Heroes Media Campaign	Communications campaign	Deutsche Meeresstiftung/German Ocean Foundation	The German Ocean Foundation and German Marine Litter Association initiated the #OceanHeroes project with well-known personalities from the field of marine research and marine conservation in which they comment on the great potential of the oceans for our future. The approximately 30 statements will be used cross-medially on different platforms such as the website www.OzeanDekade.org , in the context of social media campaigns and in TV short features such as the German ARD program "Brisant," reportage for RTL, and products for the Pro7 Sat1 group. This ocean literacy project started in 2022 at the UN Ocean Conference in Lisbon with prominent speakers such as Tiago Pitta e Cunha, the CEO of the Oceano Azul Foundation and Dr. Vladimir Ryabinin,	01.06.2022 – 31.12.2030	Frank Schweikert



			the Executive Secretary of the IOC of UNESCO and Assistant Director-General of the UNESCO.		
Learning the value of Ocean Observing via Games	Other	GEOMAR Helmholtz Centre for Ocean Research Kiel	The aim of the 'ATLANTOS – Discover and utilise ocean observation in a playful way' project is to provide the general public with a playful approach to the importance and benefits of scientific ocean observation. In a card game and a digital game, the players try out for themselves how an integrated ocean observation system can contribute to the sustainable use of ocean resources and the protection of people from ocean hazards and thus be used for the benefit of society. The games allow players to try out the benefits of ocean observation and ideally increase the acceptance of costly measurement systems among the general public.	01.08.2024 – 31.12.2030	Sigrid Keiser
Into The Deep – Marine Citizen Science Webinar	Webinar/Seminar/Lecture	Interchange Non-Profit gUG	This event will bring together marine scientists, educators and conservation activists to discuss how citizen science (CS) hands on and digital initiatives can successfully connect people to their Oceans, and support pro-environmental behavioural change. We will present a tailored CS tool focusing on 4 distinct deep sea marine habitats. Each dataset shows the impact which human behaviour has, then empowers users to use a new web-based image analysis tool – BiiGLE.PARTY – to make species observations in sea floor images. Excellent results from the project show that users' observations feed well into ongoing scientific research, and users gain a deeper understanding of marine conservation policy and agency through their participation. Through a panel of marine CS implementers from all over Europe we will	27.09.2024– 27.09.2024	Rhianon Williams



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			hear inspiring practice to build and maintain programmes and project that connect people with the Oceans around them in a participatory way.		
SLR Related Coastal Flooding on the Seychelles	Workshop/Course/Training/Summer School	German UN Ocean Decade Committee/ Kiel University – Kiel Marine Science	Following on the successful 2022 workshop on sea-level rise related coastal flooding on the Seychelles, the Adjust-project team from Kiel University in Germany invites stakeholders for a one-day workshop on October 30, 2024. The invitation addresses stakeholders from relevant governmental organisations, e.g. MACCE, DRMD and Department of Tourism, as well as the Port Authority, PUC, Nature Conservation Organisations, Youth Organisations, Uni-Sey, District Administrators, Hotel owners, and others. During the workshop, we will present our findings on the potential future sea-level rise impacts in the Seychelles, which we aim to evaluate in active discussions with the workshop participants. Further, we will explore and discuss the participants' views on coastal adaptation priorities in the Seychelles, in terms of preferred measures and locations that would require prioritisation. Last, we will attempt to identify together potential adaptation pathways to future rises in sea levels.	24.10.2024 – 08.11.2024	Kim Nierobisch
Marine User Days	Congress/Symposium/Conference	EUMETSAT	The Marine User Days event is hosted by EUMETSAT with the European Commission, European Space Agency, the European Centre for Medium-Range Weather Forecasts, Mercator Ocean International and the Copernicus Marine Service. The event will bring together existing and prospective users from across the diverse marine user community. Fo-	05.11.2024 – 06.11.2024	Hayley Evers-King



			cusing on the data provided by the European organisations involved in the Copernicus programme and their role in oceanography and marine applications, the event will act as a showcase for use cases. It is also a networking opportunity for users across the value chain, and will feature a workshop to engage with user needs and feedback. The event will be open to participation from those involved at the policy and governance level, academia and research and commercial entities.		
Living at the Urban Seafront	Exhibition (Artistic or Scientific)	Bremen Centre for Building Culture	'Living at the Urban Seafront' is an international photo exhibition project that explores the impact of sea level rise and the corresponding flood defence architecture on urban landscapes, people and public spaces. A visual dialogue between Jakarta and Bremen initiates an exchange on the social and physical consequences of climate change for urban coastal communities. With insights from urban studies, cultural activism and hydraulic engineering, this exchange promotes moments of cross-disciplinary awareness-raising that are necessary to develop local options for dealing with globally shared consequences of climate change and to generate new ideas for possible adaptations. The project is implemented by Bremen Centre for Building Culture, Goethe-Institut Indonesia, Hochschule Bremen, Fototage Bremen and the international network POLIS-SEA. It follows on from an earlier exhibition on flood defences and their value as public spaces in Bremen. A continuation is planned for the coming years.	01.11.2024 – 31.05.2025	Christian von Wissel



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Boris Herrmann Participation, Vendée Globe 2024/25	Other	Team Malizia	Impactful climate action by using the emotional power of offshore sailing sports: Boris Herrmann, who acts as ambassador for the German UN Ocean Decade Committee, will use his participation in the Vendée Globe Solo Non-Stop Sailing Race 2024/25 (Nov 10, 2024 – March 7, 2025) to raise awareness about the climate and ocean nexus. Launching climate projects with partners, engaging and supporting science by collecting important ocean data onboard and while racing around the world, educating kids and inspire them with the educational programme Malizia My Ocean Challenge, will be at the heart of his engagement.	10.11.2024 – 07.03.2025	Cornelius Eich
Impulse Paper “Healthy Oceans for Our Future”	Publication (Academic articles, policy reports, books...)	Ocean Decade Committee Germany	The aim of the impulse paper „Healthy Oceans for Our Future” is to raise awareness for marine protection and sustainable development among as many actors and multipliers in the political arena in Germany as possible. The impulse paper emphasizes the vital function of the oceans for life on earth and highlights the oceans’ role as a climate regulator, food source, cultural and recreational area, for large parts of the world's population. The paper will be distributed to politicians and representatives of authorities individually; it will also be introduced and discussed in parliamentary groups and during events promoting national marine policies. This comes at a critical moment for marine policy-making with the preparation as political parties in Germany prepare for general elections in 2025. With its this paper, the German NDC wants to ensure that protection and	18.11.2024 – 31.12.2026	Ulrike Heine



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			care for the marine environment will play a role in all or most political programs.		
Social Art Award	Other	Institute for Art and Innovation	The Social Art Award (SAA), initiated in 2017 by the Institute for Art and Innovation, celebrates the transformative power of art to create social, ecological, and political impact. The 2024/2025 edition focuses on the theme "Planetary Healing – Blue Tribes for Ocean Health," inviting artists worldwide to explore innovative and inspiring ways to restore our oceans and protect biodiversity. It highlights the interconnectedness of all life, emphasizing actions that foster coexistence, mitigate pollution, and drive ecosystem recovery for sustainable futures. Open to artists of all disciplines and backgrounds, the award provides a global platform to showcase visionary works that inspire change and address urgent environmental challenges. Submissions will be featured in an online gallery, with the Top 100 published in the official Social Art Award Book. The top three winning artists will receive further recognition through interviews, events, and a potential exhibition at COP 30.	02.12.2024 – 21.11.2025	Nicole Loeser
Rowing OFFSHORE GbR	Sports Race (crossing the Atlantic in a rowing boat)	Offshoare GbR	Rowing OFFSHORE is a project, where four women from Germany and Austria are competing in one of the hardest rowing cups across the Atlantic from la Gomera to Antigua. They want to raise awareness to breast cancer, climate change and marine issues. Funds collected through sponsorships and donations will first cover race costs, with surplus and proceeds	01.01.2025 – 28.02.2026	Jana Katharina Stahl



			from the post-race sale of the boat donated to marine-focused NGOs. We are collaborating with the University of Oldenburg for data collection during the journey to support marine research. As we aspire to become an endorsed activity of the UN Ocean Decade, this project aims to inspire ocean stewardship, generate visibility for SDG efforts, and amplify the Decade's mission. By featuring the UN Ocean Decade logo on our boat and sharing scientific insights about ocean health, we hope to engage diverse audiences and contribute to ocean knowledge, conservation, and education.		
Wellenbrecher	Podcast	ECOP Germany	The project „Wellenbrecher“ (engl. “Breakwater”) gives a voice to different people who are active in the UN Ocean Decade within German-speaking countries. The project kicks off with a podcast that interviews people ranging from decade committee members to individuals who are connected to the ocean. We introduce our guests and how their work or industry contributes to a sustainable transformation, to the decade challenges, and ask for specific examples of how other individuals can get involved to contribute towards the UN Ocean Decade. The podcast will be published as an audio track on all common audio platforms bi-monthly. In addition, a “coffee break” will be organized once a month, which	01.01.2025 – 31.12.2025	Anabel von Jackowski



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			allows listeners to ask questions to the recent interviews. Our vision is that the podcasts serve as a basis for conversation and future events such as panel discussions or live events. Let's create deep conversations to raise awareness for the UN Ocean Decade!		
Wellenbrecher renewal	Podcast	Early Career Ocean Professionals Germany	The Wellenbrecher ("Breakwater") podcast is a German-language audio series launched in January 2025 as an officially endorsed activity of the UN Ocean Decade (2021–2030). It is produced by the Germany node of the Early Career Ocean Professionals (ECOP) Programme to spotlight efforts within German-speaking countries toward sustainable ocean transformation	01.01.2025 – 31.12.2030	Anabel von Jackowski
Better Oceans	Website	Better Oceans	Better Oceans is a digital platform and connecting network for marine conservation and gives marine conservationists a strong voice. Website and social media channels provide information about the oceans. We show fascination and beauty of marine life, why we love and protect it – we report on threats posed by pollution and overfishing, species extinction and climate change. In addition, there is current, often encouraging news from the world of marine conservation. With the Better Oceans database, we have created a unique network that is open to all in-	15.01.2025 – 30.06.2026	Maike Gruet-zediek



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			stitutions active in marine conservation (NGOs, associations, foundations, initiatives) and present them in informative profiles.		
Sea People (Meer-esmenschen)	Exhibition	Barbara Dom-browski	Meeresmenschen der Nord-und Ostseeküste Schleswig-Holstein. Eine partizipative Ausstellung zur nachhaltigen Nutzung der Meere, in Kooperation mit dem Ocean Summit, Kiel „Meeresmenschen“ bringt Kunst und Meeresschutz an der schleswig-holsteinischen Nord- und Ostseeküste zusammen und stellt die Menschen der Küste in den Mittelpunkt. In der gleichnamigen Fotoausstellung werden Menschen porträtiert, die sich jede*r auf besondere Weise für den Schutz oder die nachhaltige Nutzung der Meere einsetzen. Meeresmenschen – das sind Menschen, die stellvertretend für die beiden Meere und Küsten Schleswig-Holsteins stehen. Sie leben und agieren an Ost- und Nordsee und setzen sich mit diesen Meeren in ihrem Alltag, in ihrem Beruf, an ihrem Wohnort oder durch ihr gesellschaftliches Engagement prägend, nachhaltig und zukunftsweisend auseinander. Ich habe diese Menschen porträtiert und mit Gegenständen, Tieren oder Landschaften, die ihre Beziehung zum Meer prägen, in Zusammenhang gesetzt.	24.01.2025 – 24.01.2026	Barbara Dom-browski
Blue Innovation Doc	Congress/Symposium/Conference	European Boating Industrie	The Blue Innovation Dock is the platform that brings together visionaries, investors and politicians to make the industry fit for the future. It is held at boot Düsseldorf in association with European Boating In-	25.01.2025 – 26.01.2025	Phill Easthill



			dustry. In 2025, ocean literacy and engagement initiatives take center stage on 25 and 26 January. During panel discussions and presentations, an intriguing and diverse set of speakers will talk about engaging different groups and actors – within and outside the boating industry.		
Reef Explorer	Webinar/Seminar	aquatil GmbH	The ReefExplorer lecture series aligns with the UN Ocean Decade by sharing the latest scientific insights on coral reefs, their biodiversity, ecology, and threats. It bridges research and practice, involving experts who present innovative monitoring and conservation methods. The series supports key SDGs, including marine biodiversity protection (SDG 14), climate action (SDG 13), and high-quality education (SDG 4). By uniting researchers, dive centers, NGOs, and businesses, it fosters interdisciplinary collaboration. While the lectures are freely accessible, long-term open data availability remains unclear. The German-speaking focus limits direct inclusion of SIDS and LDCs, though many participants travel to these regions, spreading awareness. The series ensures gender and generational diversity. Overall, it makes a valuable contribution to ocean knowledge and coral reef protection.	30.01.2025 – 31.12.2025	Ralph Schill
SEALEVEL	Exhibition	Kiel-Marketing e.V.	SEALEVEL is an interactive exhibition space in Kiel, designed to take visitors on a fascinating journey through the world's oceans. The exhibition offers a	31.01.2025 – 31.10.2025	Jonas Godau



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			variety of experiences allowing visitors to explore scientific information and interactive stations, including educational displays, a 17-meter underwater cinema or a deep sea adventure room. Furthermore visitors are invited to leave their own artwork related to the ocean in the entrance area. The exhibition addresses both people with and without previous knowledge of all ages. The aim of the exhibition is not just to inform the visitors about the ocean, but to build a deeper connection, fascination and love to the ocean. The exhibition also allows to host and organize events, which are planned by NGOs, educational institution and many more – the key criteria is an thematic connection to the ocean or related topics.		
Andre Wiersig: Swim for Seychelles	Other	theBlueHeart	No one is as close to the ocean, no one experiences the direct effects of climate change, littering, and overfishing as he does – André Wiersig. He is an extreme swimmer and ocean ambassador and is considered one of the best open ocean swimmers in the world. In his "Swim for the Ocean – Seychelles" he will be Swimming from Mahé, the main island of the Seychelles, 53 km through the open Indian Ocean to the steep granite island La Digue. As the "Voice of the Ocean," André speaks to residents and scientists on the Seychelles about climate change and gives positive impulses to work in the context of tourism,	15.02.2025 – 15.06.2025	André Wiersig



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			economics, and sustainability. His missions are a campaign for the ocean and its effective protection. Andre will also carry a measuring instrument while swimming, collecting important ocean data. Andre is an official ambassador for the German National Decade Committee (ODK). André's "Swim for the Ocean – Seychelles" will be accompanied by extensive media coverage.		
The Blue Classroom	Publication	Heinrich-Böll Stiftung SH	With the textbook The blue classroom (Das blaue Klassenzimmer – Wie der Meeresschutz in den Unterricht kommt, Wissen und Unterrichtsideen für Klasse 8 bis 10), we would like to provide teachers with tools to help integrate marine conservation into the classroom. It combines scientific background knowledge, didactic approaches and a variety of teaching materials – from individual tasks that transcend subject boundaries to inspiration for entire teaching units. Our aim is to create content that is easy to use and at the same time leaves room for your own ideas. The main target group for the materials is grades 8 to 10, but individual texts and exercises can also be used for older and younger learners. The materials are designed to arouse learners' curiosity and encourage them to think outside the box – be it biology, geography, art or economics & politics.	01.03.2025 – 30.04.2025	Henrike Schmidt



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MUNLR	Congress/Symposium	Gymnasium Fabritianum	The MUNLR aims to simulate lawmaking in the United Nations, including the drafting of clauses and discussion in different committees. 110 students from 12 schools in grades 8–13 come together to represent the stance of their chosen country in the 4 councils. In current times, the oceans are becoming increasingly important for trade, guaranteeing ecological integrity, and sustaining livelihoods. We, as Secretary Generals Maike Hötecke,17, and Lilly Lohmann,18, have decided to address these problems in this year's conference. While researching the German Ocean Foundation, whose founder will deliver the keynote, we learned about the Ocean Decade Initiative. After months-long preparation by each member, the goal is to draft a common position with ideas on how to improve the approach to our oceans. To share these concepts and raise awareness of the importance of seas, we would be honored to be part of the Ocean Decade, providing opportunities and joined efforts.	08.03.2025	Lilly Lohmann
Together for the oceans	Workshop	Förde-vhs	Together for the oceans – the relevance of healthy oceans in a global context. We depend on the health of the oceans. How can we raise awareness for the protection of the seas? The Förde-vhs offers a training course in cooperation with local and global actors in the field of marine conservation, based on the principles of Education for Sustainable Development	03.04.2025 – 10.11.2025	Lena Kruit



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			(ESD). It is aimed at people in the education sector who want to engage as multipliers. Within seven workshop sessions, knowledge about marine and coastal protection, the impact of dietary habits on the marine ecosystem, and possible actions to protect the oceans will be conveyed. The highlight of the training is a full-day sailing trip on the traditional sailing ship 'Belle Amie' combined with practical marine research.		
Ocean Decade Actions in Germany-Imagefilm	Other	Deutsches Ozean-dekade-Komitee (ODK)	The film 'UN Ocean Decade Actions in Germany' presents an overview of more than 20 projects and programmes that contribute to the UN Decade of Ocean Science for Sustainable Development (2021–2030) and are led by researchers, innovators, and organizations based in Germany.	22.04.2025 – 31.05.2026	Ulrike Heine
A Traveller's Guide to the seafloor	Audiovisual	GEOMAR Helmholtz Centre for Ocean Research Kiel	A 20-minute immersive fulldome documentary on the physical geography of the global ocean basins. It is primarily aimed at digital planetariums and science theatres but can be viewed with head mounted displays as well.	30.04.2025 – 31.07.2025	Tom Kwasnitschka
Sailing circus meets marine protection	Workshop/Course/Training/Summer School	MeerManege e.V.	1.–04.05.: Training in education for sustainable development (ESD) experiential education and circus arts – creative methods for educational work	01.05.2025 – 31.07.2025	Lena Kruit



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			10.–11.05.: Weekend for adults 02.–09.06.: workshop for adults with focus on developing a show for marine protection 14.–15.06.: Weekend for children/youth 26.–31.07.: sailing circus camp for youth		
Atlantic Ocean Crossing	Other	ZERO EMISSIONS	In 2025, environmental activist and extreme athlete Michael Walther will cross the Atlantic Ocean on a stand-up paddleboard. This bold expedition combines adventure with a strong message for ocean protection and climate action. Traveling solo, unsupported, and emission-free from Europe to Guyana, he will cover thousands of kilometers across open water. The journey showcases what is physically and mentally possible when driven by purpose. Walther is the founder of the “Zero Emissions” project, which has been officially recognized by the German Commission for UNESCO as a Decade Project for its innovative approach to sustainability. With this crossing, he aims to raise awareness for marine ecosystems and inspire action for a more sustainable future. Through film, talks, and global outreach, he shares his story to encourage others to rethink their impact on the planet. The Atlantic challenge is both a personal test and a call for a more mindful relationship with nature.	01.05.2025 – 31.01.2026	Michael Walther



Voice of Commons	Exhibition/Podcast/ Communication Campaign/ Publication/Website	UNLESS	Voice of Commons" is a "Special Project" of the upcoming Venice Biennale focussed on our Global Commons and their existential role in securing the stability of the planetary ecosystem. In the age of spiraling ecological devastation, Voice of Commons aims to give a Voice to the Global Commons: Antarctica, the Ocean, the Atmosphere and Outer Space. Without a voice the Commons don't have a vote, which is unthinkable amidst the present polycrisis. Reconfiguring our relations to the Earth, shifting from exploitation to stewardship, the project mobilises the power of the arts to create a constituency for our Global Commons by constructing an empowering, democratic and generous conversation space, and launching an unprecedented collective broadcasting initiative.	01.05.2025 – 28.11.2025	Guilia Foscari Widmann Rezzonico
YOUMARES	Conference	Deutsche Gesellschaft für Meeresforschung e. V.	YOUMARES'14, held May 15–17, 2024, in Hamburg, united early-career marine researchers to discuss ocean resilience in a changing climate. This hybrid event featured scientific sessions, industry networking, and eco-friendly initiatives, fostering interdisciplinary collaboration. Key themes included marine conservation, sustainable fisheries, ocean governance, and climate-resilient practices. Hands-on learning opportunities included the Marine Protected Areas role-play and Science Meets Industry evening. Side events featured visits to ITLOS and	10.08.2025 – 10.10.2025	Deniz Vural



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			the German Climate Computing Centre (DKRZ). The event hosted 128 participants from 19 countries, with 61.6% women. With 92.3% recommending it, feedback emphasized expanding travel grants and practical learning. YOUMARES'14 successfully bridged science, policy, and industry, advancing global ocean solutions.		
Cinemare International Film Festival 2025	Film Festival	CINEMARE Film Festival	The CINEMARE International Ocean Film Festival, founded in 2016, aims to raise awareness of and love for the ocean and encourage people to get involved in its protection. Ultimately, we will only protect the oceans if we learn to love them. CINEMARE is interdisciplinary and connects through film: marine conservation, art and science communication. With its program, CINEMARE shares the SDG #14 and actively works towards tackling the UN Ocean Decade Challenge # 10. In 2024, CINEMARE partners with the German Ocean Decade Committee (ODK): Together they will offer a diverse range of events (workshops, school screenings, panel discussions) on the topic of Ocean Literacy. CINEMARE is a member of the Green Film Network. The GFN is a partner of the United Nations Environment Program. CINEMARE and IOFF International Ocean Film Festival San Francisco have been official partner festi-	14.05.2025 – 18.05.2025	Till Dietsche



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			vals since 2018.people to get involved in its protection. Ultimately, we will only protect the oceans if we learn to love them.		
The Ocean Race Europe/ Start Port Kiel STORYDECK	Website	Kiel-Marketing GmbH	With the Storydeck, we not only support the Ocean Race Europe as the starting port in Kiel, but also a wide range of activities involving all stakeholders in the field of marine protection.	18.05.2025 – 01.04.2026	Ralf Löwe
UNOC ERKLÄRT/UNOC EXPLAINED	Other	Okeanos – Foundation for the Sea	“UNOC ERKLÄRT” is a youth-driven communications campaign that brings the United Nations Ocean Conference 2025 (UNOC) closer to society. It responds to the lack of youth participation and public visibility identified during UNOC 2022. Through targeted social media reporting, live coverage, expert interviews, and outreach around the conference in Nice, the project translates complex ocean issues into engaging, accessible formats.	18.05.2025 – 01.04.2026	Maximilian Eder
Booklet-Seagrass Guards	Other	Seagrass Guards	The "Booklet-Seagrass Guards" project aims to raise awareness for the protection of seagrass meadows along the Côte d’Azur – vital ecosystems that store up to 50% more CO2 than terrestrial forests. The booklet, designed by renowned climate illustrator Esther Gonstalla and written and researched by the Seagrass Guards, provides information on biodiversity, climate regulation, and sustainable anchoring practices. It introduces the Donia app and addresses	19.05.2025 – 30.04.2026	Annkatri Reitz



			uncertainties around anchoring in seagrass meadows. As a fold-out flyer that doubles as a poster, it is ideal for use in local dive shops and boat rental facilities. A certification label is in development to recognize seagrass-friendly businesses that actively inform their customers. From summer 2025, the team will distribute the booklet on-site, conduct a stakeholder analysis, and assess its impact. The goal is to foster long-term protection through regional partnerships.		
Making waves – an interactive circus show	Other	MeerManege e.V.	With our association MeerManege we want to raise awareness for the oceans through circus arts also with our Circus Performance “the sea and hope”: A group of artists deals with scientific topics of marine protection. In 2024 we started this project and performed the show at several events. With this we create powerful messages through circus arts and reach & inspire a broad audience. This year we want to take the show one step further, collaborating with scientists and creating even more powerful messages through circus arts. With this we reach and inspire a broad audience, estimated at least 3.000 people in 2025. Planned shows so far: Heringstage Kappeln 30.05.2025 Kieler Woche June 2025 Show Ocean Race August 2025 Norden Festival Schleswig 06.–07.09.2025 Show Audimax 16.11.2025	30.05.2025 – 30.11.2025	Lena Kruit



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Snorkeling.City – eine Stadt taucht ab	Workshop/Course/Training/Summer School	Pro Ocean	Die Ostsee ist für viele Kieler:innen eine unbekannte Welt – sichtbar, aber selten erlebt. Mit Snorkeling.City ermöglichen wir Schüler:innen ab Klasse 5, die Unterwasserwelt der Kieler Förde mit Maske und Schnorchel zu entdecken. Nach einer erfolgreichen Pilotphase 2024 setzen wir das Projekt 2025 fort. Pro Termin nehmen max. 30 Schüler:innen aus Kiel/SH teil, Voraussetzung ist das Bronze-Schwimmabzeichen. Die Exkursionen werden von geschulten Studierenden der CAU Kiel und GEOMAR angeleitet. Nach einer Einführung zu Ostsee-Ökologie, Sicherheitseinweisung und Ausrüstungsprobe schnorcheln wir ca. 45 Minuten im Flachwasser. Im Anschluss reflektieren wir die Beobachtungen und diskutieren den Einfluss des Menschen sowie Handlungsoptionen für den Alltag.	04.07.2025 – 31.08.2025	Sophie Steinhäuser
Breaking the Surface. Women in Marine Research	Exhibition	Center for Earth System Research and Sustainability (CEN), University of Hamburg	Breaking the Surface – Women in Ocean Science" is a photo exhibition showcasing contemporary German female ocean scientists, their research, and personal stories. It highlights their vital contributions to ocean knowledge and addresses gender inequality in science.	15.07.2025 – 21.12.2025	Thomas Merten
Project Day: Ocean Change – Modelregion Baltic Sea	Workshop/Course/Training/Summer School	Gymnasium Kaltenkirchen	The activity is a school-based project day entitled "Ocean Change – Modelregion Baltic Sea", which aims to raise awareness of changes in the oceans	16.07.2025	Jim Horeysek



			(climate change, overfishing and pollution). The project day will include workshops and presentations by renowned scientists and environmentalists, followed by a panel discussion with representatives from politics, economics and environmental protection.		
Durch das Meer	Exhibition	Atelier Witt	The IFS Gallery in the Wälderhaus Hamburg shows exhibitions on the topic of sustainability in the sense of the UN global goals. The exhibition "Durch das Meer" with paintings by Anja Witt invites visitors to immerse themselves in the processes of the ocean. Beauty and fragility stand side by side and question the influence of mankind. The WÄLDERHAUS is a SCIENCE CENTER on the subject of forests and sustainability, an event location with conference rooms, a hotel and a restaurant. Tourists, school classes, students, art lovers and players in the green economy come here.	30.07.2025 – 28.10.2025	Anja Witt
Ocean Youth Summit Kiel 2025/ Ocean Race Europe	Workshop/Course/Training/Summer School	German Ocean Decade Committee, ECOP Germany	The Ocean Youth Summit Kiel 2025 unites 20 Early Career Ocean Professionals (ECOPs) – 7 from Ocean Race Europe stopover cities and 13 from Kiel – for a dynamic, inter- and transdisciplinary platform focused on the future of our oceans. Through workshops, networking, and public outreach, the summit empowers young voices and fosters international collaboration. Thematically, we highlight youth-led,	06.08.2025 – 10.08.2025	Kim Nierobisch



			critical, and feminist perspectives in marine conservation, water sports, and ocean advocacy.		
Meeresumwelt-Symposium 2025	Congress/Symposium/Conference	Federal Maritime and Hydrographic Agency	The Marine Environment Symposium provides an annual platform for discussing current challenges regarding the protection and use of the oceans. Based on the current state of research, potential solutions are discussed together in order to improve the state of the oceans and to achieve a sustainable use of the oceans. The event promotes the necessary dialog between numerous stakeholders. These include ministries and authorities, research institutions and universities, non-governmental organizations, companies and the interested public.	10.08.2025 – 09.10.2025	Sina Bold
Junge Meeresforschende bei der Arbeit	Exhibition	Naturwissenschaftlicher Verein zu Bremen von 1864	This photo exhibition in the House of Science Bremen shows captivating images submitted by marine ECRs of the ICYMARE initiative. Each photo captures a unique aspect of marine research – be it the researchers themselves at work, the different habitats they study or the species that pique their interest. Each picture is accompanied by an exciting story: Where was it taken? What does it show and why is it special to the young people who took it? We invite viewers to immerse themselves in the fascinating world of these motivated people who pursue their projects with enthusiasm and determination. This exhibition portrays the complexity and diversity of marine research, the beauty of nature itself, and aims to	13.08.2025 – 22.10.2025	Simon Jungblut



			provide a deeper understanding of the challenges and triumphs that define the path of young researchers. Three young marine researchers, whose photos are included in the exhibition, are delivering accompanying talks in the lecture series “Wissen um 11” of the House of Science Bremen.		
Plankton & Popcorn – The Ocean Movie Night	Other	ECOP DACH	Plankton & Popcorn was selected as one of the three winning projects for the EU4Ocean challenge of the year 2025. Our goal is to improve humanity's relationship with the ocean in German-speaking countries. Plankton & Popcorn is a two-hour movie evening for and by youth. Our participatory design uses universities as strategic hubs to host ocean-themed movie nights for civic engagement. In our panel discussions, we will bring together students, youth organizations, educators, NGOs, and industry to foster action-oriented exchange of perspectives towards a sustainable transformation of our society and build blue citizenship among citizens in central European countries.	01.09.2025 – 31.12.2025	Julia Wenhuda
FS:RV Meteor	Congress/Symposium	BMBF	The Federal Ministry of Education and Research (BMBF) is putting the German research vessel METEOR at the service of the international community as a meeting place during UNOC 2025. The METEOR will be in the yacht harbor in Nice from June 9 to 13, 2025 and can be requested by actors from politics, science, business or civil society for events	06.09.2025 – 31.12.2025	Anna Parge



			as part of UNOC 25. Side events, high-level events, receptions with international government representatives, press conferences or ship tours are possible in various rooms or on the deck of the ship. Up to 100 participants can attend an event the RV Meteor.		
ICYMARE 2025 BREMERHAVEN	Congress/Symposium/Conference	Bremen Society for Natural Sciences from 1864 (Naturwissenschaftlicher Verein zu Bremen von 1864 NWV)	ICYMARE 2025 BREMEN will be the 2025 edition of the annual International Conference for Young MARine REsearchers ICYMARE. The whole conference is organized in a bottom-up manner by the marine early career researchers themselves. The conference opening will be accompanied by a plenary discussion. After some parallel sessions of oral presentations, the first evening will be devoted to the poster presentations. The second afternoon is reserved for workshops and excursions. The last day comprises parallel oral presentations, a keynote lecture as well as an awarding and closing ceremony. At all aspects of the conference care will be taken towards a relaxed atmosphere in which the participants easily get to know each other. Furthermore, we are working towards a green strategy, e.g., only ordering plastic-free organic food, drinks in glass bottles, avoiding flyers and plastic give-aways, etc.	08.09.2025 – 13.09.2025	Simon Jungblut
Symphony of the sea	Other	Ocean gallery	Ocean photographer and founder of the OCEAN GALLERY, Julia Ochs, brings the ocean to the grand stage – in a unique fusion of classical music (Alexander Glazunov's The Sea and Claude Debussy's La	16.09.2025 – 31.12.2025	Julia Ochs



			Mer) and her immersive ocean visuals. As the orchestra translates the ocean's vastness, depth, and force into sound, striking images unfold on the screen: underwater scenes of meditative stillness and gentle movements of the sea, Arctic landscapes, and rare encounters with orcas.		
Marine Microbial Observatories for the Future	Workshop/Course/Training/Summer School	Helmholtz Institute for Functional Marine Biodiversity (HIFMB)	Workshop about microbial observatories in marine areas	18.09.2025 – 25.09.2025	Raïssa Meyer
beach clean up in Hamburg – world clean-up day	Other	beachcleaner	audience is public, all genders, all age groups, we partner up with more local partner in Hamburg to organise the clean-up including educational part, trash analysis	19.09.2025	Anne Maeusbacher
Seezeichen	Exhibition	Atelier Witt	Reinbek Castle is a beautiful place, known for its art exhibitions. It also hosts weddings, concerts, and conferences of all kinds. Tourists visit the castle, which is picturesquely situated on the lake. The castle is located near my home and workplace and the mare artists' house. I am well-known as an artist in the area and can motivate many people to come by. At the vernissage, my gallery owner from Kiel will explain the theme of the sea in art, and a pianist will play music related to the theme. During the exhibition period, an illustrator will offer a comic workshop for children aged 7 to 12.	28.09.2025 – 09.11.2025	Anja Witt



			The audience is therefore diverse in terms of both age and interests.		
Marine Microbial Observatories for the Future	Workshop/Course/Training/Summer School	Helmholtz Institute for Functional Marine Biodiversity (HIFMB)	Marine Microbial Observatories for the Future: From data to samples to legacy using integrated 'omics approaches" is a two-day workshop that aims to advance the sustainability, coordination, and impact of microbial ocean observations using integrated omics strategies.	30.09.2025 – 02.10.2025	Raïssa Meyer
56. Internationale Youth Competition	Competition	National Association of German Cooperative Banks	Jugend creativ is an international creative competition that has been encouraging young people to develop their creative abilities and express their ideas and thoughts on various topics for over 50 years. In Germany, the youth competition is based on an initiative of the German cooperative banks (Volksbanken and Raiffeisenbanken). "Discover the Sea" is the motto of the 56th International Jugend creativ Competition. This call to the spirit of discovery is intended to encourage young people to explore the seas and oceans. They can immerse themselves in the underwater world and convey in their creative entries what they discover there—or hope to find. The 56th International Jugend creativ Competition started on October 1, 2025. Children and young people aged six to 20 can submit a picture or a short film, or participate in a quiz, until February 12, 2026.	01.10.2025 – 15.08.2026	Christiane Dörken



			Further information can be found at www.jugendcreativ.de		
Meeresumwelt-Symposium 2025	Symposium	Federal Maritime and Hydrographic Agency	The Marine Environment Symposium provides an annual platform for discussing current challenges regarding the protection and use of the oceans. Based on the current state of research, potential solutions are discussed together in order to improve the state of the oceans and to achieve a sustainable use of the oceans. The event promotes the necessary dialog between numerous stakeholders. These include ministries and authorities, research institutions and universities, non-governmental organizations, companies and the interested public. The Federal Maritime and Hydrographic Agency has been organizing the event since 1990 – in cooperation with the Federal Environment Agency and the Federal Agency for Nature Conservation on behalf of the Federal Ministry for the Environment, Nature Conservation, Nuclear Safety and Consumer Protection. Since 2022, the Marine Environment Symposium takes place as a hybrid event. Around 300 participants on site and around 500 online participants are expected.	08.10.2025 – 09.10.2025	Sina Bold
Zukunft Meer: Wissenschaft im lebendigen Ozean	Webinar/Seminar/ Lecture	Naturwissenschaftlicher Verein zu Bremen von 1864 NWV	This lecture series is part of the societies winter program and is organized on the occasion of the halftime of the UN Ocean Decade. We brought to-	20.10.2025 – 23.02.2026	Simon Jungblut



			gether an interesting mix of lecturers who will provide insights into their ongoing research projects. Topics range from the search for the “Endurance”, consequences of decaying war ammunition, deep-sea biodiversity, polar jellyfish to fossil records of biodiversity and heatwaves in the Mediterranean. Lectures will take place every Monday in the recently renovated exhibition “The blue continent – Islands in the Pacific” of the Übersee-Museum Bremen.		
Planetary Waters	Congress/Symposium/Conference	German Maritime Museum / Leibniz Institute for Maritime History	Planetary Waters – A Challenge Between Abstraction and Empathy“ is an interdisciplinary and international conference that will bring together scholars, researchers, and practitioners to explore public communication strategies that integrate the planetary scale of water studies while maintaining a focus on human-water relationships at the local level. The intertwined crises of climate change and biodiversity loss urge us to incorporate a planetary perspective into our thinking and actions more than ever before.	22.10.2025 – 24.10.2025	Katrin Kleemann
Movie Night – Surfrider x Sea Shepherd x Heimplanet	Film evening/panel discussion		A movie night with a panel discussion around the documentary: “Ghost Nets – Battle for the Baltic Sea” by Sea Shepherd with the aim of highlighting knowledge about the effects of fishing, discussing how activism is relevant at various levels in order to achieve a common goal, and how each individual can and should take action.	05.11.2025	



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NoSoAT Ocean Capacity Exchange	Workshop/Course/Training/Summer School	Alfred-Wegener-Institut Helmholtz-Zentrum für Polar- und Meeresforschung	The North-South Atlantic Transect (NoSoAT) as Ocean Capacity Exchange (OceanCapX) is a ship-board training on RV Polarstern. The expedition will depart on 13 November from Bremerhaven, Germany, providing an educational platform to train an international group of scholars in advanced techniques of oceanographic, meteorological and climate observations and analyses on latitudinal transect.	13.11.2025 – 12.12.2025	Angelika Dummermuth
World Ocean Review	Publication	maribus GmbH	We, maribus gemeinnützige GmbH, publish a report on marine-related topics every two years, the World Ocean Review (WOR). Our eighth volume, which is currently available as an Ocean Decade activity and can be downloaded free of charge from the UN website (https://oceandecade.org/publications/world-ocean-review-8/), will soon be followed by the ninth volume entitled: Marine Biodiversity – Vital Essence of Our Oceans. We also send out free print versions of our publications worldwide. Our WORs are used by all sea-loving individuals, numerous NGOs, government agencies, scientific institutions, school pupils and students, as well as many journalists. Our publications are particularly valued for their scientific credibility (our scientific cooperation partners are all leading marine institutes in Germany) and their accessibility thanks to graphics and understandable language.	13.11.2025 – 30.11.2027	Jan Lehmköster



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Ocean Futures Exhibition	Exhibition	Futurium	The Futurium in Berlin is developing a special exhibition on Ocean Futures in collaboration with The Mind Museum in Manila. The exhibition aims to raise awareness of the need to protect the oceans as one of our central, planetary foundations of life. It explores some of the challenges and solutions that lead toward restorative and equitable ocean futures from a Philippine and a German perspective. This will be achieved through intergenerational storytelling, scientific insights, artistic interventions, and intercultural exchange between visitors of the two museums. The themes of the exhibition include sustainable fisheries, climate change, biodiversity, pollution and geopolitics.	14.11.2025 – 31.08.2026	Julia Ebeling
Earth Observation Tools in Ocean & Coastal Parks	Congress/Symposium/Conference	bocher.de	The Conference objective is to Build Capacity and generate knowledge of marine data in SIDS , to improve marine EO data knowledge and provision for African countries, increase the access to those data and to exchange knowledge of the value and application of the data. This will be done by adding in the network Universities and Startups from LDC, SIDS and African Landlocked Developing countries.	15.11.2025 – 16.11.2025	Bocher Startup
Blue Innovation Dock at boot Düsseldorf	Congress/Symposium/Conference	European Boating Industry	Blue Innovation Dock is the platform that brings together visionaries, investors and politicians to make the recreational boating industry fit for the future. It is one of the most important drivers of innovation in the	17.01.2026 – 25.01.2026	Philip Easthill



			water sports industry. The event runs from 17th until 25 th January. Ocean literacy and citizen engagement initiatives take center stage on 24th and 25th January. During panel discussions and presentations, an intriguing and diverse set of speakers will talk about engaging different groups and actors – within and outside the boating industry.		
Ocean Conference Series	Webinar/Seminar/Lecture	510 German Ocean Foundation	The Ocean Conference Series, dedicated to raising awareness about the Ocean Decade among civil society, opens with the annual Ocean Forum held at boot Düsseldorf in January and is followed with a series of 3–4 Online Ocean Decade Dialogues. The Series showcases the 10 challenges and features organizations working to meet them. The 2026 Ocean Forum (19 January 2026 at boot Düsseldorf) offers pitch presentations covering all challenges, with topics such as data collection through citizen science, coastal protection, digital twins of the ocean, the development of the European algae industry, coral reef restoration, and the protection of deep-sea species. The 1st online Ocean Decade Dialogue of the year follows on 19 February 2026, looking at the 3rd challenge of the decade. Further Dialogues in 2026 will concentrate on challenges 4, 5 and 6, with both national and international speakers introducing the projects they are developing in support of the Decade challenges.	19.01.2026 – 31.12.2026	Frank Schweikert



C–TIDe India: Empowering the Ocean Professionals	Podcast	448 Helmholtz center Hereon Gmbh	C–TIDe India is the country's first ECOP-led ocean science podcast designed to build capacity, enhance visibility, and improve access to opportunities for Early-Career Ocean Professionals. Through 26 annual episodes, the podcast will highlight ECOP research, personal journeys, and leadership experiences while offering guidance on collaboration, funding, and mentorship. The activity also creates space for discussions on soft-skills and mental health, helping reduce barriers faced by young ocean professionals in India. By promoting inclusive storytelling, gender and regional diversity, and accessible ocean literacy, the initiative directly supports the Ocean Decade goals of knowledge sharing, youth leadership, and public engagement. The main audience includes ECOPs across disciplines, students, NGOs, policymakers, and the wider public interested in ocean sustainability.	12.03.2026 – 12.03.2027	Pooja Tiwari
Ocean Initiatives – Clean Ups	Action with citizen mobilization	Surfrider Foundation Europe Germany – Local Group Munich	Ocean Initiatives is a program developed by the Surfrider Foundation Europe to raise public awareness about pollution caused by our waste. An Ocean Initiative is a litter cleanup event at the sea, lakes, or rivers, carried out by volunteers from the organization or by environmental enthusiasts. The litter is not only collected but also quantified through subsequent advocacy using the tools on the Ocean Initiatives website. As local group located in Munich we	22.03.2026 – 31.10.2026	Paul Hänchen



			organize and execute the Ocean Initiatives as litter clean ups mainly in public areas close to rivers. Our favorite spots are the Isar or the Eisbach in the Englischer Garden. The Clean Up event it self is a single event. We do this single events constantly during the year once a month. Our “Clean Up Season” is from March till October. Therefore the endorsement application is for all Clean Ups we will organize and execute in 2026.		
Waves of Action OceanCamp	Workshop/Course/Training/Summer School	1457: Okeanos Foundation for the Sea	Waves of Action is the youth initiative by the Okeanos Foundation. Our so-called OceanCamps are for young adults aged 16–21. During these camps, participants experience the ocean and, through transformative learning, gather knowledge on marine ecology, inner development and sustainability. OceanCamps take place either in France, where participants have to opportunity to sail on a traditional Polynesian catamaran within the Pelagos Marine Sanctuary, or in Sweden, where participants spend several days on a kajaktour along the west coast as well as within a Natura 1000 reserve. Throughout the camps, participants learn about the marine ecosystem, its significance, and how to become active stewards for environmental protection within a democratic and respectful community. By understanding individual and systemic drivers of	28.03.2026 – 30.09.2026	Isabelle Szott



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			ecosystem loss parallel to experiencing awe and inspiration for the ocean, OceanCamps offer a unique opportunity for participants to find ways to protect what they love.		
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För de Küste Beach Clean-Up	Beach Clean-Up	THW Kiel Handball-Bundesliga GmbH & Co KG	On Saturday, February 17, 2024, citizens can actively engage "for the coast " (för de Küste): At the För de Küste Beach Clean-up in Schilksee's Olympic Harbour and on the beach, the still visible consequences of the severe Baltic Sea storm surge in October and the winter storms will be removed. Experienced divers from Ghost Diving Germany will be searching the water in front of the beach section and in the Olympic Harbour in Kiel-Schilksee for larger debris from the sunken boats and damaged harbour facilities. Citizens of all ages are invited to help collect and sort the garbage recovered by the divers. The event is organized and sponsored by Kiel's world-class handball team THW Kiel. Some of the team's players will actively participate in	01.03.2026 – 01.03.2026	Stefanie Klaunig
Research at Sea competition	Competition and marine research project	German Ocean Foundation	Teams of school students from the 9th class and above can enter the competition with marine research ideas for a one-week expedition in the summer in the North or Baltic Sea. We are constantly looking for new ideas that have not yet gained traction in everyday marine science or for innovative solutions to existing problems. Our motivation is to get young people involved in marine science from an early stage and to give them the opportunity to conduct their research, supported both on board and in evaluating their results by scientists from German universities and research institutes.	01.04.2026 – 31.01.2027	Frank Schweikert



Blue Citizen Curriculum	Workshop/Course/ Training/Summer School	Blue Citizen e.V.	The Blue Citizen Curriculum is an educational framework designed to enable cosmopolitan learning on ocean governance. It captures a structured workshop process that brought together young people aged 16–19 across Europe in online and in-person formats, demonstrating how diverse perspectives can be rapidly translated into shared visions for ocean governance and democratic participation. Structured around three pillars—knowledge, culture, and governance—the curriculum combines scientific insights, reflection, and participatory methods. It empowers participants to explore their relationship with the ocean and to co-develop concrete outputs, including definitions, principles, policy proposals, and institutional recommendations within a short timeframe. As a first iteration, the curriculum will be shared with the wider ocean and education community. The proposed Decade Activity focuses on its dissemination, application, and further refinement through continued exchange and adaptation.	01.04.2026 – 31.03.2027	Nina Dietz
Blue Citizen Compass	Participatory policy and educational framework (youth-led)	Blue Citizen e.V.	The Blue Citizen Compass is an original, youth-led policy and educational guide that offers the first bottom-up definition of “Blue Citizenship” developed by a transnational group of European youth. It goes beyond traditional policy recommendations by combining conceptual definitions, guiding principles, concrete policy proposals, and ideas for institutional	01.04.2026 – 31.03.2027	Nina Dietz



			change to enable meaningful participation in ocean governance. All elements were developed through a deliberative process and adopted by a two-thirds majority within the Young Citizens' Council for the Ocean. The Council itself was initiated following an EU4Ocean Challenge and brought together young Europeans aged 16–19 to collaboratively shape visions for participatory ocean governance. As a pilot outcome, the Compass is designed to inspire policy dialogue, education, and ocean literacy. The Activity will focus on its dissemination, iteration, and further development through continued Council engagement and dialogue across sectors.		
Das Meer beginnt hier!	Communications campaign	Surfrider Foundation Europe Germany e.V.	“Das Meer beginnt hier” is a multi-format communication campaign by Surfrider Foundation Germany raising awareness of inland sources of marine pollution and their connection to the ocean. At its core is a 10-minute documentary complemented by social media content, educational materials and engagement formats. The campaign originated from a university project by two media design students and evolved in collaboration with Surfrider Foundation Germany into a broader initiative. This grassroots, youth-led co-creation highlights collaboration between creative disciplines and civil society actors. It shows how everyday actions far from the coast impact ocean health, translating environmental issues	22.04.2026 – 31.12.2026	Katharina Firsbach



			into local narratives. The campaign strengthens ocean literacy and empowers individuals to act locally. The main audience includes the general public, especially young people, inland communities, volunteers, educators and environmental stakeholders.		
Sailing circus meets marine protection	Workshop/Course/Training/Summer School	MeerManege e.V.	Training in education for sustainable development (ESD) experiential education and circus arts – creative methods for educational work. Weekend for adults. Workshop for adults with focus on developing a show for marine protection. Weekend for children/youth. sailing circus camp for youth	30.04.2026 – 25.07.2026	Lena Kruit
True Tales for Ocean Rebels	Blue Citizen e.V.	Publication	True Tales for Ocean Rebels is an illustrated children's book and ocean literacy initiative developed by the non-profit NGO Blue Citizen e.V. for children aged 8–11. Through six interconnected stories combining scientific knowledge, storytelling, and visual art, the project translates complex ocean challenges such as climate change, biodiversity loss, plastic pollution, and ocean conservation into emotionally engaging and accessible narratives. Developed in collaboration with scientists, educators, artists, and youth ocean advocates, the Activity aims to strengthen children's relationship with the ocean and inspire active stewardship. The endorsed Activity focuses on the publication, dissemination, and educational use of the book through workshops, school readings, public events, and digital outreach that	01.05.2026 – 30.04.2027	Marika Hellmund



			promote ocean literacy, participation, and intergenerational engagement.		
Making waves – an interactive circus show	circus show	MeerManege e.V.	With our association MeerManege we want to raise awareness for the oceans through circus arts also with our Circus Performance “the sea and hope”: A group of artists deals with scientific topics of marine protection. In 2024 we started this project and performed the show at several events. With this we create powerful messages through circus arts and reach & inspire a broad audience. This year we want to take the show one step further, collaborating with scientists and creating even more powerful messages through circus arts. With this we reach and inspire a broad audience, estimated at least 3.000 people in 2025. Planned shows so far: Heringstage Kappeln 30.05.2025 Kieler Woche June 2025 Show Ocean Race August 2025 Norden Festival Schleswig 06.–07.09.2025 Show Audimax 16.11.2025	08.05.2026 – 21.11.2026	Lena Kruit
Snorkeling.City	Pro Ocean	Workshop/Course/ Training/Summer School	Snorkeling.City is an innovative ocean literacy and marine education project in Kiel, Germany, connecting children, youth, and adults with the hidden biodiversity of their local Baltic Sea. Through guided snorkeling excursions in the Kiel Fjord, participants discover seagrass meadows, fish, crabs, starfish, and other marine life directly in their urban coastal environment. Led by marine scientists, lifeguards, and environmental educators, the program combines	15.05.2026 – 15.05.2027	Henry Gröhlich



			emotional nature experiences with scientific learning, including biodiversity observation, water quality measurements, and ecological monitoring. In 2025, more than 600 students from 25 school classes participated. By transforming curiosity, surprise, and initial fears into knowledge, confidence, and stewardship, Snorkeling.City fosters long-term ocean literacy, local environmental responsibility, and community engagement, inspiring the next generation of Baltic Sea ambassadors.		
ReCoast – Reconnaissance of Coastal Storms	Workshop/Course/Training/Summer School	University of Applied Sciences Koblenz	ReCoast is a free, one-day, in-person international technical workshop bringing together a cross-disciplinary community of field researchers, modelers, and agency stakeholders engaged in post-storm coastal reconnaissance. Held in Galveston, Texas, the workshop provides a structured forum to share experiences from recent storm response efforts, identify key operational and coordination challenges, evaluate instrumentation and data-collection strategies, and co-develop actionable recommendations to improve future rapid response campaigns. Participation is free of charge and open by invitation, ensuring broad and equitable access. ReCoast is not tied to any specific project or region and contributes in-kind expertise, coordination capacity, and synthesis to strengthen international collaboration and best practices in coastal storm reconnaissance.	17.05.2026 – 17.05.2026	Alexandra Schueller



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Ocean Van – Das Meer vor deiner Haustür	Mobile environmental unit for marine education	Pro Ocean	Life e.V. (Pro Ocean) engagiert sich für den Kampf gegen die Verschmutzung von Meeren und Küsten durch einen ganzheitlichen Ansatz. Der Ocean Van ist ein mobiler Erlebnisraum, der Kindern fernab der Küste die lebenswichtige Faszination der Ozeane spielerisch nahebringt. Durch kreative Workshops und immersive Erlebnisse wird die Bedeutung des Meeresschutzes vermittelt. Der Ocean Van bringt das Meer vor die Haustüre. Einsatzbereich: Schulen, öffentliche Einrichtungen, Veranstaltungen. Zielgruppe: Kinder zwischen 8 und 12 Jahren. Lerninhalte: Spielerisches Lernen mit Workshops, VR-Brillen, Filmen, Spielen, Bastelwerkstatt, Kostüme, Musik & Mikroskopie. Projektziel: Kinder fernab des Meeres spielerisch für die Bedeutung der Ozeane sensibilisieren	01.06.2026 – 01.09.2028	Sophie Steinhäuser
OCEAN CHANGE	Expedition	Arved Fuchs	As part of his long-term project OCEAN CHANGE, explorer Arved Fuchs sets sails again in summer 2026 to support open observation and citizen science. Gathering a dedicated volunteer crew, the historic sailing vessel DAGMAR AAEN will cruise from Germany to Iceland, Greenland, arctic Canada, Labrador and Newfoundland collect observation data. The goal: Contributing to the understanding of the changes in the oceans and their effects on global climate and coastal landscapes. In cooperation with	04.06.2026 – 10.09.2026	Arved Fuchs



			GEOMAR, AWI and IWO Warnemünde, meteorological and oceanographic data (salinity, CO2 saturation, surface water temp. etc) is transmitted to the BELUGA platform in real time. The cruise's other goal is to raise awareness for the dramatic changes in the oceans. Videos and interviews documenting life on board the DAGMAR AAEN will be broadcasted through various channels before, during and after the cruise.		
Das Meer beginnt am Rathausmarkt	Public Ocean Literacy & Citizen Engagement Initiative	Surfrider Germany	„Das Meer beginnt am Rathausmarkt – Gemeinsam mehr fürs Meer tun“ ist eine öffentliche Initiative für Ocean Literacy und Bürgerbeteiligung im Rahmen der Sustainability Week Hamburg 2026. Auf dem Rathausmarkt informieren Meeresschutzorganisationen, Bildungsakteure und Bürger:innen über marine Ökosysteme, Meeresverschmutzung und die Verbindung zwischen Mensch und Ozean. Das Programm umfasst Müllsammelaktionen, Bildungsangebote wie Spiele, Quizze und Mikroskopie, Kinderaktivitäten, kreative Upcycling-Workshops sowie Achtsamkeitsübungen rund um das Meer. Die Initiative unterstützt die Ziele der UN Ocean Decade durch Förderung von Ocean Literacy, gesellschaftlichem Engagement und nachhaltigem Handeln. Zielgruppen sind Familien, Kinder, junge Erwachsene und die breite Öffentlichkeit in Hamburg.	29.06.2026 – 01.07.2026	Lea Philipsen



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Blue Lab – Arts & Culture for Ocean Literacy	artistic workshop activities	Escuna Criativa – Friends and Supporters of Socio-Cultural Projects Worldwide Association e.V.	The Blue Lab is a Cultural Decade Action created within the Sommerwerft International Theatre Festival on the banks of the Main River in Frankfurt, with artistic programmes in urban and rural areas of Hesse (GE) and Salvador da Bahia (BR). Using participatory performing arts, it strengthens ocean literacy and directly supports Ocean Decade Challenges 9 and 10. Through a source to sea perspective, the project links daily life along the Main with countryside landscapes, coastal territories and marine systems, turning scientific knowledge into accessible, creative, and emotionally engaging cultural experiences. The programme includes performances and workshops formats co designed by artists, scientists, educators and local communities. Target audiences are citizens, families, BIPOC migrants, LGBTQIA+ groups, children, youth, cultural practitioners, educators, scientists and local decision makers, contributing to UNSDGs 4, 11, 13 and 14 and advancing the Ocean Decade's priorities.	01.07.2026 – 31.12.2026	Bárbara Luci Carvalho Bub
Blue Schools Germany – A Guide for German Schools	Publication (Academic articles, policy reports, books...)	Okeanos Foundation for the Sea	The publication will provide a brief overview of the idea, concept, and realisation of the Blue School concept as well as an overview and explanation on funding opportunities, networks globally, European, and German. The guide will support teachers in understanding and realising Blue School projects. As up until now there are no resources about Blue	19.07.2026 – 31.07.2027	Cara Meffert



			Schools available in German, this publication will enhance the knowledge of and engagement with Blue Schools and Ocean Literacy in Germany.		
Africa-Europe Epistemic Dialogues on Ocean Plastic	Workshop/Course/Training/Summer School	RWTH Aachen University's Käte Hamburger Kolleg	Explore regional epistemic understanding of our oceans in order to co-design what constitutes ocean management and community well being. Bridging ocean science epistemic understanding between global north and global Africa (global south) in order to facilitate the uptake of science and ocean knowledge for policy decision making and or innovation and in the process strengthen Africa-Europe Ocean partnership. Build global solidarity in sustainable ocean management and community well being these focal areas will help us co-design sustainable management and community wellbeing approaches as facilitate the uptake of science and ocean knowledge for policy decision making and or innovation as required by the ocean-Decade.	01.08.2026 – 01.08.2027	Stefan Boschen
MeerErlebnis Tage / SeaExperience Days	Workshop/Course/Training/Summer School	German Ocean Foundation	MeerErlebnis Tage Niendorf 2026 (SeaExperience Days Niendorf 2026) is a ten-day public ocean literacy and marine conservation event on the Baltic Sea coast in Germany. Through interactive exhibitions, hands-on workshops, citizen science activities, beach explorations, and research excursions aboard the sailing research vessel ALDEBARAN, participants learn about Baltic Sea biodiversity, marine pollution, underwater noise, and sustainable ocean	14.08.2026 – 23.08.2026	Frank Schweikert



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			stewardship. The activity combines science, education, and community engagement to make marine research accessible and inspire positive behavioral change. It directly supports the UN Ocean Decade by advancing ocean literacy, strengthening the science-society interface, fostering public participation in ocean science, and promoting the protection and sustainable use of marine ecosystems. The main audiences are families, children, young people, tourists, local communities, educators, and all citizens interested in the future of the Baltic Sea.		
SMM Offshore Dialogue	Congress/Symposium/Conference	terra.blue and Hamburg University of Technology	SMM Offshore Dialogue 2026: "Secure Offshore Technologies for Future Oceans". Session 1, Secure Offshore Infrastructures, addresses protection and resilience of offshore/maritime systems, essential for sustainable energy, connectivity, and ocean ops. Sönke Diesener (NABU) highlights environmental protection, ensuring ecological integration into tech and operations, reflecting the UN Ocean Decade's focus on resilient communities and ecosystems. Session 2, Secure Offshore Energy, explores how engineering, digitalization, and AI deliver reliability, efficiency, and security under harsh conditions, supporting sustainable energy transition. Both sessions engage audiences in safeguarding infrastructures and securing energy systems, with sustainability and resilience as central themes. The format, with flash	03.09.2026	Walter Kuehnlein



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			talks and open discussions, encourages collaborative problem-solving and knowledge sharing. This alignment qualifies the Dialogue for UN Ocean Decade endorsement.		
ICYMARE 2026 BREMEN	Congress/Symposium/Conference	Naturwissenschaftlicher Verein zu Bremen von 1864 NWV	ICYMARE 2026 BREMEN will be the 2026 edition of the annual International Conference for Young Marine REsearchers. The whole conference is organized in a bottom-up manner by the marine early career researchers themselves. The conference will start with an icebreaker event. The conference opening will be accompanied by a plenary discussion. After some parallel sessions of oral presentations, the first evening will be devoted to the poster presentations. The second afternoon is reserved for workshops and excursions. The last day comprises parallel oral presentations, a keynote lecture as well as an awarding and closing ceremony.	07.09.2026 – 11.09.2026	Simon Jungblut
Marine26 2nd Workshop on Marine Vision at ECCV 2026	Workshop/Course/Training/Summer School	380: Kiel University	The vast majority of the Earth is covered by water, yet it remains severely understudied despite its critical importance for biodiversity and climate. Automated analysis of imagery has become a vital tool for studying marine environments, particularly in the deep sea, where other methods are often impractical. Computer vision approaches enable the efficient annotation of vast amounts of data, making automated analysis of underwater imagery and a rapidly growing area within the field. This workshop, held in	08.09.2026 – 08.09.2026	David Nakath



			conjunction with ECCV—the premier computer vision conference in 2026—will bring together practitioners, scientists, and industry representatives. It will feature keynote talks by leading figures in the community, presentations of peer-reviewed and short papers, and a nectar track. Overall, the workshop aims to foster the Marine Vision community by providing a platform for scientific discussion, the discovery of new research directions, and the initiation of future collaborations.		
Meersumwelt-Symposium 2026	Congress/Symposium/Conference	Federal Maritime and Hydrographic Agency	The Marine Environment Symposium provides an annual platform for discussing current challenges regarding the protection and use of the oceans. Based on the current state of research, potential solutions are discussed together in order to improve the state of the oceans and to achieve a sustainable use of the oceans. The event promotes the necessary dialog between numerous stakeholders. These include ministries and authorities, research institutions and universities, non-governmental organizations, companies and the interested public. The Federal Maritime and Hydrographic Agency has been organizing the event since 1990 – in cooperation with the Federal Environment Agency and the Federal Agency for Nature Conservation on behalf of the Federal Ministry for the Environment, Nature Conservation, Nuclear Safety and Consumer Protection. Since	08.09.2026 – 09.09.2026	Sina Bold



			2022, the Marine Environment Symposium takes place as a hybrid event. Around 300 participants on site and around 500 online participants are expected.		
Munitions in the Sea Symposium	Congress/Symposium/Conference	GEOMAR Helmholtz Centre for Ocean Research Kiel	The Munitions in the Sea Symposium, organised by MMinE-SwEEPER and CAMMera at the Musée Océanographique de Monaco, addresses the challenge of legacy munitions in our seas and oceans. This two-day event brings together representatives from science, policy, industry, the military, IGOs, NGOs, and public authorities. Day 1 focuses on the environmental impacts of legacy munitions and technologies for their detection, recovery, and disposal. Day 2 explores Mediterranean and Atlantic case studies, governance, and international cooperation on remediation strategies with global relevance. The symposium supports the UN Ocean Decade by advancing Challenges 1, 4, 7, and 8 through addressing hazardous marine waste, improving maritime safety, and promoting innovative detection and remediation solutions. It also contributes to Challenge 9 by fostering ocean literacy, stakeholder engagement, and international cooperation.	16.09.2026 – 17.09.2026	Jens Greinert