



## JOIN THE PLASTIC PIRATES – GO EUROPE!

Plastic pollution and marine litter in our rivers and in the sea is one of the major environmental challenges of our times. Education, research and innovation are key to understanding and to developing solutions for a more sustainable future for our oceans, rivers and seas. With **Plastic Pirates – Go Europe!** the Federal Ministry of Education and Research of Germany together with the Portuguese Ministry of Science, Technology and Higher Education and the Slovenian Ministry of Education, Science and Sport is launching a citizen science campaign to tackle precisely this problem. We are launching the initiative as part of the trio-presidency in the Council of the EU from July 2020 until December 2021. Over 18 months, pupils, teachers and scientists from the three member states will work together to come up with a more sustainable

approach to our resources. Pupils will sample plastic litter along rivers and contribute to an online map by uploading their data and photographs. Scientists will analyse the data and provide an insight into the origins of plastic pollution and marine litter. The main objectives of Plastic Pirates are closer scientific cooperation in Europe, promoting excellence in citizen science and advocating a responsible and sustainable approach to the environment.

Together with the European Commission, we – the trio-presidency – seek to scale the initiative up to an EU-wide campaign. We invite you to strengthen citizen science and join the campaign. More information and the English school material are available here: [plastic-pirates.eu](https://plastic-pirates.eu)

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