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— LAUNCH EVENT —

A NEW NETWORK. A SHARED MISSION.
A STRONGER EUROPE.

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DATE

17 JULY 2026



TIME

09:30 – 17:30



LOCATION

Porto Innovation Hub
Largo do Dr. Tito Fontes 15,
4000-538 Porto, Portugal

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ABOUT OCEAN

A **OCEAN Network** is a collaborative European platform designed to connect organisations, institutions and changemakers committed to building impactful and sustainable initiatives across Europe.

Our mission is to facilitate strategic cooperation, foster innovation and support the development of transnational partnerships capable of transforming European priorities into tangible local and global impact.



OUR VISION

To become a leading European ecosystem for collaboration, knowledge exchange and collective action.



OUR MISSION

- Connect organisations across sectors and countries;
- Foster European cooperation and partnership building;
- Support innovation, inclusion and sustainability;
- Transform ideas into impactful European initiatives.

WHO WE BRING TOGETHER

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UNIVERSITIES
AND RESEARCH
CENTRES



SCHOOLS AND
TRAINING
PROVIDERS



PUBLIC
AUTHORITIES



NGOS AND
CIVIL SOCIETY
ORGANISATIONS



SOCIAL
ENTERPRISES AND
BUSINESSES



EUROPEAN
PROJECT
PRACTITIONERS

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OUR MOTTO

“Single drops of action,
an ocean of European impact.”

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OCEAN NETWORK AT A GLANCE

A collaborative European platform that connects organisations, institutions and changemakers to build impactful and sustainable initiatives across Europe.

WHY JOIN OCEAN?



CONNECT

Build meaningful relationships with organisations, institutions and experts across Europe.



COLLABORATE

Develop strategic partnerships and co-create innovative European projects.



LEARN

Exchange knowledge, good practices and practical experience.



CREATE IMPACT

Transform ideas into sustainable initiatives with local and European relevance.

OUR PRIORITY AREAS



EUROPEAN
COOPERATION



INNOVATION &
RESEARCH



CIVIL SOCIETY
ENGAGEMENT



EDUCATION &
TRAINING



SUSTAINABILITY



PUBLIC POLICY &
GOVERNANCE



DIGITAL
TRANSFORMATION



SOCIAL
INCLUSION

WHAT OCEAN OFFERS

- ✓ Partnership matchmaking
- ✓ Project development support
- ✓ Networking events
- ✓ Capacity building activities
- ✓ Knowledge exchange opportunities
- ✓ European funding intelligence
- ✓ International visibility



WEBSITE

www.oceannetwork.eu

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LIST OF OCEAN PARTICIPANTS

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Aproximar – Cooperativa de Solidariedade Social



Aproximar is a Social Innovation Cooperative whose mission is to value the social and human capital of organizations and people, as a strategy to sustainably respond to challenges and opportunities arising from the surrounding environment.



Non-Profit Organisation



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Asociación Aprendizaje Activo (AAA) / UFV



Asociación Aprendizaje Activo (AAA) is a Spanish non-profit educational organisation based in Madrid. Its mission is to bridge the gap between educational research and classroom practice by helping teachers, trainers and educational institutions apply evidence-based strategies in real learning contexts. / UFV is a private, independent, non-profit university in Madrid.



Non-Profit Organisation / Higher Education Institution (HEI)



Madrid, Espanha



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AFIS – Austrian Forum for Integration and Sustainability



AFIS is an integration and sustainability focused NGO based in Vienna, working with disadvantaged groups and their active participation in society.



Non-Profit Organisation



Vienna, Áustria



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Braga Municipality

SOA A FUTURO.



The Municipality of Braga is the local government authority of one of Portugal's largest municipalities, employing approximately 2,384 staff and playing a leading regional role in environmental sustainability, education and quality of life.



Local Public Body



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Banbridge District Enterprises

Banbridge District Enterprises (BDEL)



Founded in 1989, Banbridge District Enterprises Ltd (BDEL) is a leading social enterprise supporting entrepreneurship, business growth and skills development across the ABC Council area. Managing four enterprise centres and supporting over 400 learners annually, BDEL combines local expertise with international best practice.



Non-Profit Organisation



Banbridge, Northern Ireland, United Kingdom (UK)



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Bridge Association



We work alongside NGOs and third-sector organisations to turn ideas into meaningful actions, supporting projects, people and communities with expertise, learning and experimentation.



Non-Profit Organisation



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CEIPES

CEIPES ETS



CEIPES ETS is an Italian non-profit organisation active in education, training, and international cooperation. Its mission is to empower individuals and communities through non-formal education, innovation, and social inclusion.



Non-Profit Organisation



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Center for Education and Development (CED)



The Center for Education and Development (CED) is an Albanian multi-policy research and development organisation combining applied research, policy development, advocacy and capacity-building.



Non-Profit Organisation



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CESAE Digital



CESAE Digital is a Portuguese vocational education and training organisation focused on digital skills, innovation, employability, and lifelong learning. Its main areas include ICT training, digital transformation, and upskilling.



VET Centre



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CiTUR-PORTO / ESHT IPP



CiTUR-PORTO is a research center whose mission is to conduct applied research, generate and transfer scientific knowledge in the fields of tourism, hospitality, and food service, as well as to provide continuing education and services in tourism and related fields. CiTUR-PORTO is a branch of CiTUR located at the **School of Hospitality and Tourism of the Technical University of Porto**.



Higher Education Institution (HEI)



Vila do Conde, Portugal



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Developia Foundation



Developia Foundation seeks to promote an egalitarian, intercultural and inclusive society that facilitates access to the rights and needs of vulnerable people and rural communities, doing all this in a technologically advanced and environmentally friendly way.



Non-Profit Organisation



Zaragoza, Espanha



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School of Social and Human Sciences



ECSH develops and delivers training programmes in crucial areas such as human development, social entrepreneurship and conflict mediation, focusing on professional development and employability.



Non-Profit Organisation



Porto, Portugal



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COLÉGIOEFANOR

Efanor College



Colégio Efanor, founded 2008 by Fundação Belmiro de Azevedo, is a private school (nursery–secondary) in Matosinhos, Portugal. Mission: forming ethical, socially responsible citizens aligned with UN SDGs (2030 Agenda), built on the 4 pillars of 21st-century education.



Private School



Matosinhos, Portugal



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FSL – Formation et Sensibilisation Luxembourg



We work to build inclusive societies that uphold human rights, embrace diversity, and care for both our social and natural environments. Since 2013, we have been connecting cultures, promoting social cohesion, and empowering young people, educators, and communities to create meaningful and lasting change, locally in Luxembourg and across Europe.



Non-Profit Association



Hollerich, Luxembourg



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Foyer Rural CEPAGE



FR CEPAGE was created in 1988 and focused on rural development through 3 axes: public services, European cooperation and training. We are very active in European cooperation.



Non-Profit Association



Puget Théniers, France



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Fundacja OBIEKTYWNA



Fundacja OBIEKTYWNA is a Polish NGO established in 2018, supporting people at risk of social exclusion and in difficult life situations. It works with children, youth, adults and seniors, providing social reintegration, education, prevention, therapeutic consultations, vocational activation, skills development, workshops and social campaigns.



Non-Profit Association



Radom, Polônia



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GIP FIPAN



GIP FIPAN is a public non-profit body under the Academy of Nice, supporting lifelong learning, vocational education and training, skills development, employability and social inclusion. Active at regional, national and European levels, it coordinates training, apprenticeship and adult education services.



Local Public Body



Nice, France



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HUMAK



HUMAK is a Finland-based university of applied sciences (UAS). With its humanistic profile and its nationwide mission, HUMAK stands out in the Finnish landscape of higher education, offering study programmes, e.g., in cultural management, community education and linguistic accessibility, accompanied by a vast variety of R & D measures.



Higher Education Institution (HEI)



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Higher Institute of Police Sciences and Internal Security



The Higher Institute of Police Sciences and Internal Security (ISCPSI) is a public university-level police higher education institution. Its mission is to provide initial and continuing education to police officers of the Public Security Police (PSP) through degree programmes leading to academic degrees in police sciences and non-degree programmes.



Higher Education Institution (HEI)



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Innovative Prison Systems (IPS)



Innovative Prison Systems (IPS) is a research, advisory and technology development firm specialising in the criminal justice field, with a focus on prison services, community sanctions and measures, juvenile justice, law enforcement, and crime prevention at the primary, secondary and tertiary levels.



SME – Small and Medium Enterprise



Tortosendo/Lisbon, Portugal



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PEDROSO
FREGUESIA

Pedroso Parish Council



Pedroso Parish Council is a local public authority in Vila Nova de Gaia, focused on citizen support, social action, employment guidance, health/community services and local development. Although with no direct previous EU programme experience, it has strong local project and partnership experience and aims to engage in EU cooperation.



Local Public Body



Vila Nova de Gaia, Portugal



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Kosmicare



Kosmicare promotes health, wellbeing, inclusion and social justice through evidence-based intervention, research, evaluation, training, capacity-building and advocacy. Its work covers mental health, gender and sexuality, personal and community development, youth empowerment, health promotion, drug use and harm reduction.



Non-Profit Organisation



Porto, Portugal



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LearnKey



LearnKey is a Lithuanian EdTech company developing custom e-learning content and the LKademy LMS platform. We help companies and public-sector organisations digitise onboarding, compliance, safety and competence training.



SME – Small and Medium Enterprise



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município de
lousada

Lousada Municipality



The Municipality of Lousada, located in the Porto district of Portugal, is a forward-thinking public authority widely recognised for its strong commitment to sustainable local development, environmental conservation, and social inclusion. Serving a dynamic community with a deep-rooted industrial heritage and a significant young population.



Local Public Body



Porto, Portugal



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Vila Real Municipality



The Municipality of Vila Real promotes sustainable development, social cohesion, and the quality of public services. It focuses on economic competitiveness, digital transformation, environmental sustainability, education, and urban regeneration.



Local Public Body



Vila Real, Portugal



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Porto Business School
University of Porto

Porto Business School (PBS)



Porto Business School (PBS) is a private, non-profit institution that emerged from a collaboration between the University of Porto and large Portuguese companies. PBS' mission is to explore forward, lead change. PBS created the Innovation X Hub (IXH), a dynamic hub that fosters innovation by co-creating knowledge in collaboration with organisations, entrepreneurs and academia, driving positive impact.



Higher Education Institution (HEI)



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**Proportional
Message**

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Our work focuses on supporting disadvantaged people through humanistic education. We develop social, emotional and cognitive skills, recognising that lifelong learning is the key to integral development.



Non-Profit Organisation



Porto, Portugal



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Ayuntamiento
de Purchena

Purchena Town Council



Purchena Town Council is a local public authority in rural Andalusia committed to youth empowerment, social inclusion, cultural heritage, and sustainable local development. Since 2023, the Purchena International Projects Office (PIPO) has led the municipality's European funding strategy and developed projects with regional businesses.



Local Public Body



Purchena, Espanha



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Re-Act / ProBudnik



Re-Act Association is a Bulgarian non-governmental organisation working in the fields of youth participation, non-formal education, inclusion, democratic engagement and European cooperation. **ProBudnik Association** is a non-governmental organisation established in 2013 by professionals in the fields of social work, education, psychology and business.



Non-Profit Organisation



Sofia, Bulgaria



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RightChallenge- Association



Non-governmental organisation which aims to promote education and training as a means of social inclusion and equal opportunities. We believe that education must focus on the holistic development of all people, independently of their social status, age, or gender, in order to prepare them to intervene and participate in all dimensions of society, such as family, work, community and leisure.



Non-Profit Organisation / VET Centre



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Skybuzz



SKYBUZZ srl is an Italian innovative startup specializing in advanced drone technologies, BVLOS remote piloting, and geospatial data intelligence. Through its proprietary platform, SKYBUZZ integrates drone and satellite data to deliver scalable solutions for environmental monitoring, infrastructure inspection, civil protection, emergency response, precision agriculture, and biomedical transport.



SME – Small and Medium Enterprise



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Storytellme



Storytellme is a Portuguese creative company operating in three main areas: children's publishing and storytelling, creative education and European projects, and corporate storytelling. Our mission is to use storytelling as a tool for learning, inclusion, creativity, and social impact.



SME – Small and Medium Enterprise



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The Academy of Nice



The Academy of Nice is a public education authority committed to lifelong learning, VET, and workforce development. Through its continuing education and apprenticeship networks, it supports adults, jobseekers and employers in skills development, employability and professional transitions.



Local Public Body



Nice, France



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The Smile of the Child



Founded in 1995 by 10-year-old Andreas Yannopoulos before his passing, it focuses on defending children's rights, fighting abuse, and providing essential care and support. Core Areas of Action Child Protection: Houses children at risk, operates 24/7 helplines, and offers social support.



Non-Profit Organization



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**universidade
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ECOMARE**



ECOMARE is a facility of the University of Aveiro that serves as a benchmark in the blue bioeconomy and marine environmental conservation sectors, offering innovative solutions that promote the sustainable use and preservation of marine living resources.



Higher Education Institution (HEI)



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The "Hallgarten-Franchetti Villa Montesca Study Centre Foundation", also known as the "Villa Montesca Foundation" and the "Villa Montesca Study Centre Foundation", carries on the tradition of the Villa Montesca Study and Training Centre, founded in 2001 and based at Villa Montesca, where, in 1909, Maria Montessori organised a seminar that led to the first publication of the scientific pedagogical method, universally known as the 'Montessori Method'.



Non-Profit Organisation



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Volkshochschule (VHS) Passau is an adult education centre in Passau, Germany, offering a wide range of courses in languages, digital skills, culture, health, and professional development. VHS Passau promotes lifelong learning, intercultural understanding, and social inclusion, supporting migrant integration and community engagement.



Public body / Adult Education Centre



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Together, we build connections,
create opportunities and drive positive
change across Europe.

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