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SEAQUEST Advances Seagrass Literacy Across Europe Through Pilots and Conference Engagement

[Brussels, 24.11.2026] — The SEAQUEST project continues to bring its educational resources into classrooms, workshops, and conferences across Europe. Recent activities include two pilot implementations of the Educational Toolkit and a strong presence at a national ocean literacy conference.

First Pilot

From October 11 to 14, 2026, teacher trainers gathered in Alexandroupolis, Greece, for the first piloting of the SEAQUEST MOOCs and Educational Toolkit. Trainers from Greece (DUTH and AUTH), Cyprus (STANDO), Portugal (CCMAR), and Denmark (AAU) presented and evaluated the SEAQUEST Curriculum for Teachers, the Educational Activities Guide for Teachers, the interactive digital game, and the MOOCs. Participants implemented a number of lesson plans and took a field trip to a seagrass bed, experiencing seagrass ecosystems firsthand. The feedback gathered will help shape the final quality of these materials, and participants received Certificates of Attendance, digital badges, and ECTS credits.

Second Pilot

From 2 to 4 November, SEAQUEST ran its second pilot of the Educational Toolkit in Ghent, Belgium, organised by EMSEA. Pre-service teachers explored the SEAQUEST MOOC, Curriculum, and Educational Activities Guide, then worked in small groups on selected lesson plans, brainstormed ways to teach seagrass without direct access to the sea, and tested the SEAQUEST Digital Game. The pilot showed how the resources can be adapted for classrooms where seagrass ecosystems are not easily accessible.

III National Ocean Literacy Conference

On 6 and 7 November, SEAQUEST took part in the III National Ocean Literacy Conference at the University of Algarve in Faro, Portugal, showcasing its Educational Toolkit and MOOC. The conference addressed the role of education in ocean literacy and ways to encourage public involvement in ocean protection. SEAQUEST's stand drew many visitors, particularly teachers, showing growing demand for resources that bring seagrasses closer to schools.

Explore the Resources

Discover the SEAQUEST resources here.