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IES Bendinat Hosts Multiplier Event to Mark the End of the European YOU4BLUE Project

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On **Wednesday, June 11, 2025**, IES Bendinat will host the final **Multiplier Event** of the **YOU4BLUE – Young Generations for Sustainable Blue Growth** project, an educational initiative co-funded by the Erasmus+ programme. This event will serve not only to review and showcase the project’s results, but also to **broaden its impact**, sharing the lessons learned with the wider community and promoting collective engagement with ocean conservation.

As part of the programme, a **Think Tank** titled **“Is sustainable tourism possible?”** will bring together students, educators and invited experts to debate the environmental challenges faced by Mediterranean islands and the paths toward a more respectful and sustainable tourism model.

A Mediterranean educational journey

YOU4BLUE is an Erasmus+ project that has brought together students from **Mallorca (Spain), Sardinia (Italy) and Crete (Greece)** in an educational journey focused on **blue sustainability, scientific knowledge and climate action**. Since its launch in 2022, the project has promoted a multidisciplinary learning approach, encouraging young people to view the sea not only as a resource, but as an essential part of their identity, culture and well-being.

The **IMEDEA (Mediterranean Institute for Advanced Studies, CSIC–UIB)** has acted as the **scientific partner in Spain**, working closely with the teaching staff at IES Bendinat to support student learning through science, critical thinking and civic engagement.

Hands-on learning and transformative experiences

One of the project’s key features has been the organisation of three international meetings, the most recent of which took place in Mallorca from September 24 to 26, 2024. During this event, students from the three Mediterranean islands came together to **connect science with creativity, communication and daily life**.

- In a **podcasting workshop** led by journalist Paula Martín, students developed their communication skills by creating their own podcasts about marine conservation.
- During the **t-shirt printing activity**, they expressed their concerns about ocean protection through creative, marine-inspired designs.
- A **citizen science workshop** introduced them to biodiversity monitoring techniques using the iNaturalist app, with students photographing and geolocating marine species to contribute to scientific databases.

These experiences were complemented by **outdoor activities** such as **kayaking, paddle boarding, snorkelling and sailing**, fostering direct contact with marine biodiversity and building emotional connections with the sea.

Science in action: Cabrera and IMEDEA

A highlight of the Mallorca meeting was the visit to the **Cabrera Archipelago Maritime–Terrestrial National Park**, one of the best-preserved coastal areas in the Mediterranean. There, students learned about local ecosystems, endemic and endangered species, and participated in real scientific data collection.

They also visited **IMEDEA’s research facilities**, where they were introduced to cutting-edge marine science projects focused on ecology, biodiversity and climate change. This experience helped them understand how research contributes to tackling global environmental challenges.

From students to ocean ambassadors

YOU4BLUE has proven to be much more than an educational project. For many students, it marked a **turning point** in their awareness of ocean issues and their role as active citizens. The final **Multiplier Event** will not only celebrate these achievements, but also reinforce a growing network of young people committed to ocean stewardship and sustainability.

The team at IES Bendinat and IMEDEA highlight the project’s success in building a Mediterranean community of learning, collaboration and care — planting the seeds of a more sustainable future.

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