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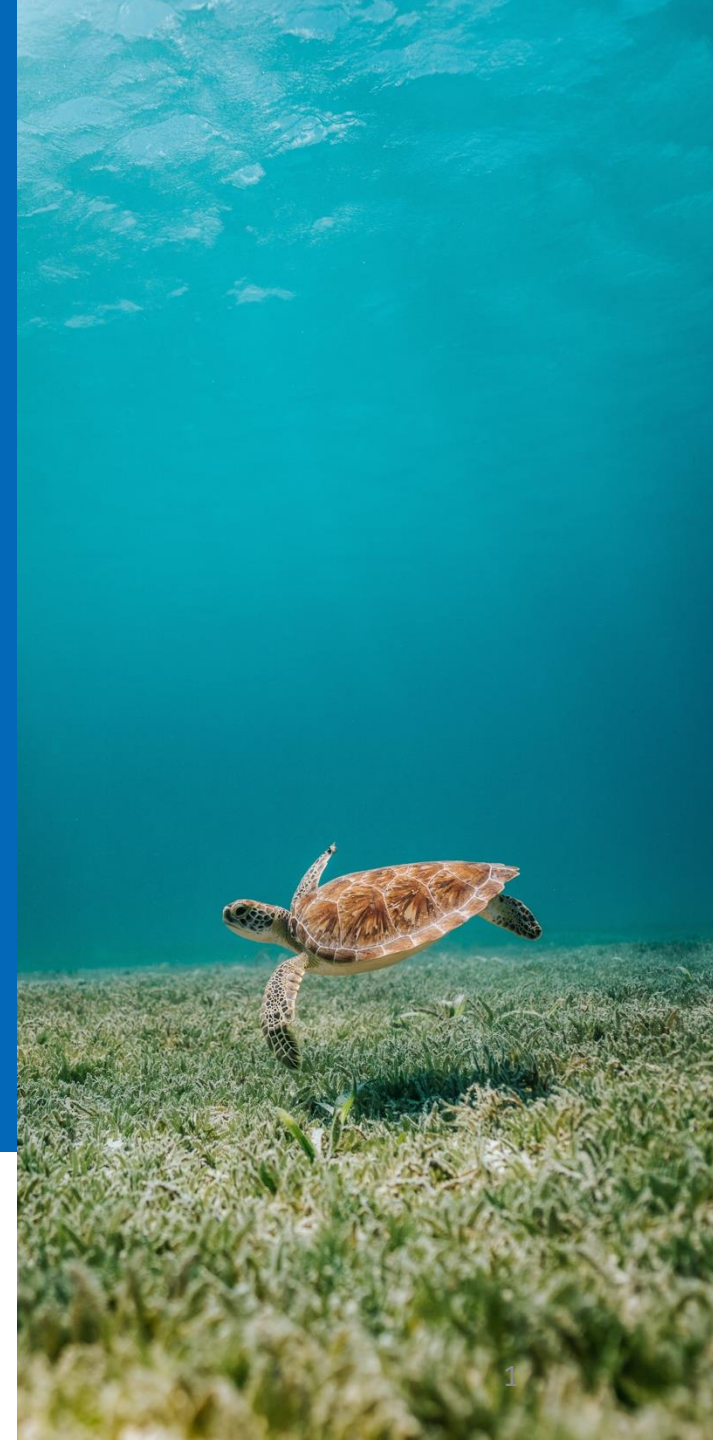
Serious Game
School Competition 2026
Final edition!

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Marine SABRES – an introduction



In brief

- **Marine Systems Approaches for Biodiversity Resilience and Ecosystem Sustainability**
- **Research** project funded by the European Union with **21 European partners**
- **Objective:** Sustainable management of marine and coastal areas by balancing what's good for the environment, human societies, and the economy.

Premises: nature's services

From the **clean air** we breathe to the **nutritious food** on our tables, a **healthy, biodiverse**, and productive **ocean** is vital to our well-being.

Nature spontaneously **offers** both material and non-material **benefits**, making life on Earth not only possible for us, but also enjoyable thanks to inspiring landscapes and endless opportunities for discovery and learning.

Problems: human activities

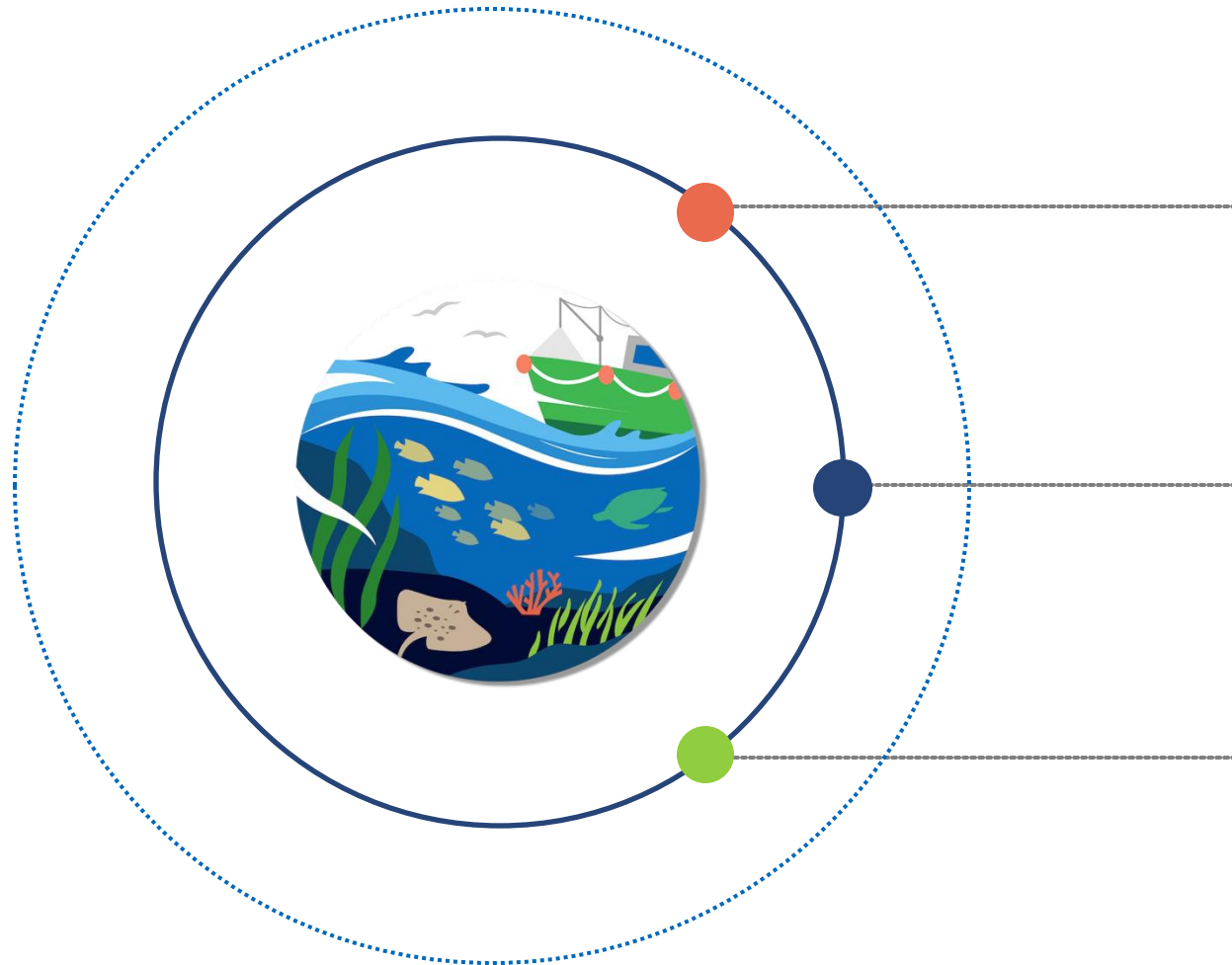
The **environment** is organised in complex and delicate systems where each and every element plays a role in ensuring **positive effects in the long run**.

Many **human activities**, including tourism, trade, transport, aquaculture and fisheries can **modify** natural processes and even **damage** the environmental capacity to provide the invaluable services we need.

Possible Solutions

Marine SABRES brings together international **experts** across the **biological** and **social sciences** to develop **better ways to manage coastal areas** and reduce the negative effects of human activities on the ocean.

The proposed socio-ecological solutions are co-designed and tested in **collaboration** with **citizens** and focus on **local priorities**.



1 Arctic Northeast Atlantic

FAROE ISLANDS, ICELAND, GREENLAND

Sustainable fishing

2 Tuscan Archipelago

CAPRAIA and GIANNUTRI

Tourism and seagrass conservation and restoration

3 Macaronesia

AZORES, MADEIRA, CANARIES

Ecotourism and protection of migratory species

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School Competition 2026



WHEN | The **Marine SABRES School Competition 2026** will take place **online** on **Friday, 22 May 2026**, International Day for Biological Diversity and European Maritime Day, **from 09:00 to 17:00 CEST**.



HOW | By registering to the Marine SABRES School Competition 2026, you will tutor your students in **playing an online serious game** for free.



WHY | This informal education activity will let your students discover more about how **human communities can manage, protect, and benefit from marine ecosystems**.



A School Competition: for whom and why

Who is invited to participate

- **Teachers of natural and social sciences**, English and CLIL, citizenship, environmental or sustainability education who can tutor **lower (10 -13)** and **upper (14 - 18) secondary school students across Europe**;
- **Only teachers can register, mentoring** their students in **playing an online serious game** during the day of the School Competition.

Why participate

- Quiz your class and discover **how strong the link between us and the ocean is**;
- Improve **awareness and attitude towards the marine environment** – to which we all belong!
- Meet **teachers and students from across Europe** and learn from peers;
- Find the **support** of a European network of **researchers**.





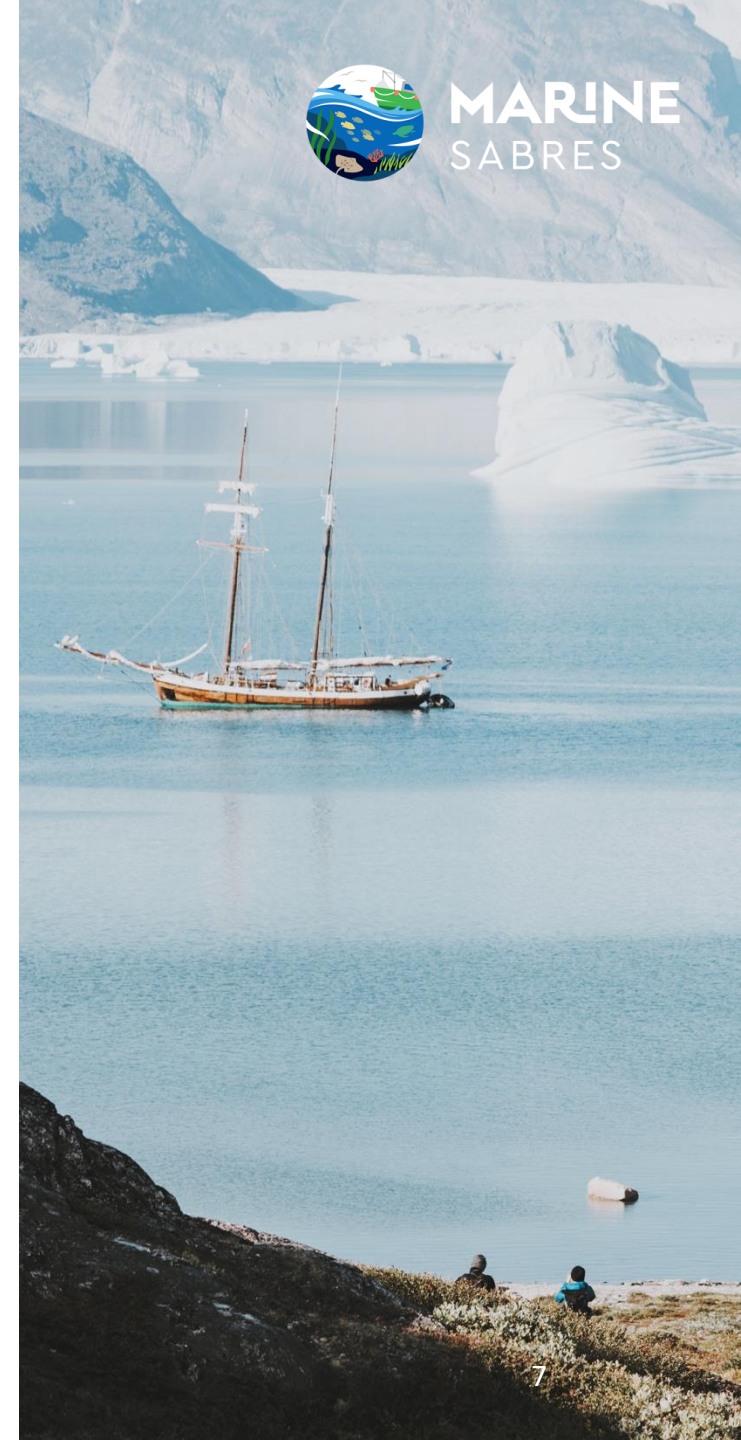
Prerequisites and Learning Objectives

Before the Marine SABRES School Competition 2026, you can:

- ▶ **Prepare your students** with **our [learning materials](#)**;
- ▶ Work with your students on the concept of **marine ecosystem services**.

By the end of the Marine SABRES School Competition 2026, your students will be able to:

- ▶ Describe the relationship between us and the ocean;
- ▶ List rules and tools we can adopt to protect the ocean;
- ▶ Discuss ideas to help people act better toward the ocean.





How to participate

1

Register your class by Friday 22 May 2026

Register with this registration form: <https://zfrmz.eu/HwvUDABMIOFCTr9UY0ch>. After submission, you will receive an email with instructions.

2

Prepare your students

Follow the instructions received by email and visit the [School Competition page](#).

3

Play!

On **22 May 2026** log in to the [School Competition page](#) and start play the serious game with your class.



The serious game: gameplay and rules

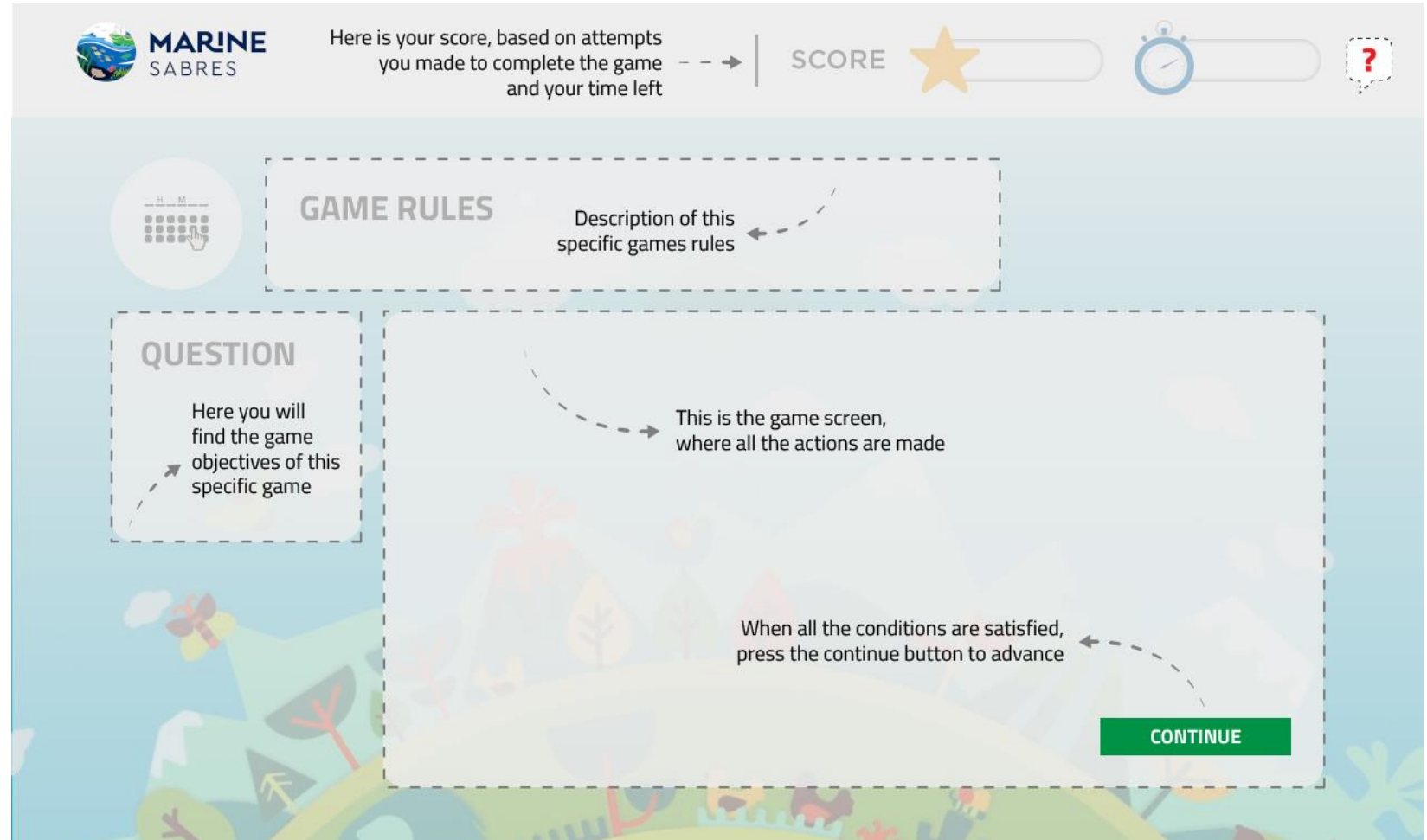


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Before playing

Before starting to play, a demo page will show you where to find during the game:

- your **score**, your **time**, and support back to the demo page;
- the **type of question**: find a word; pick the right answer; match images and words.
- questions to answer.





The serious game: gameplay and rules



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THE RESEARCH GAME
Logged as: admin

SCORE



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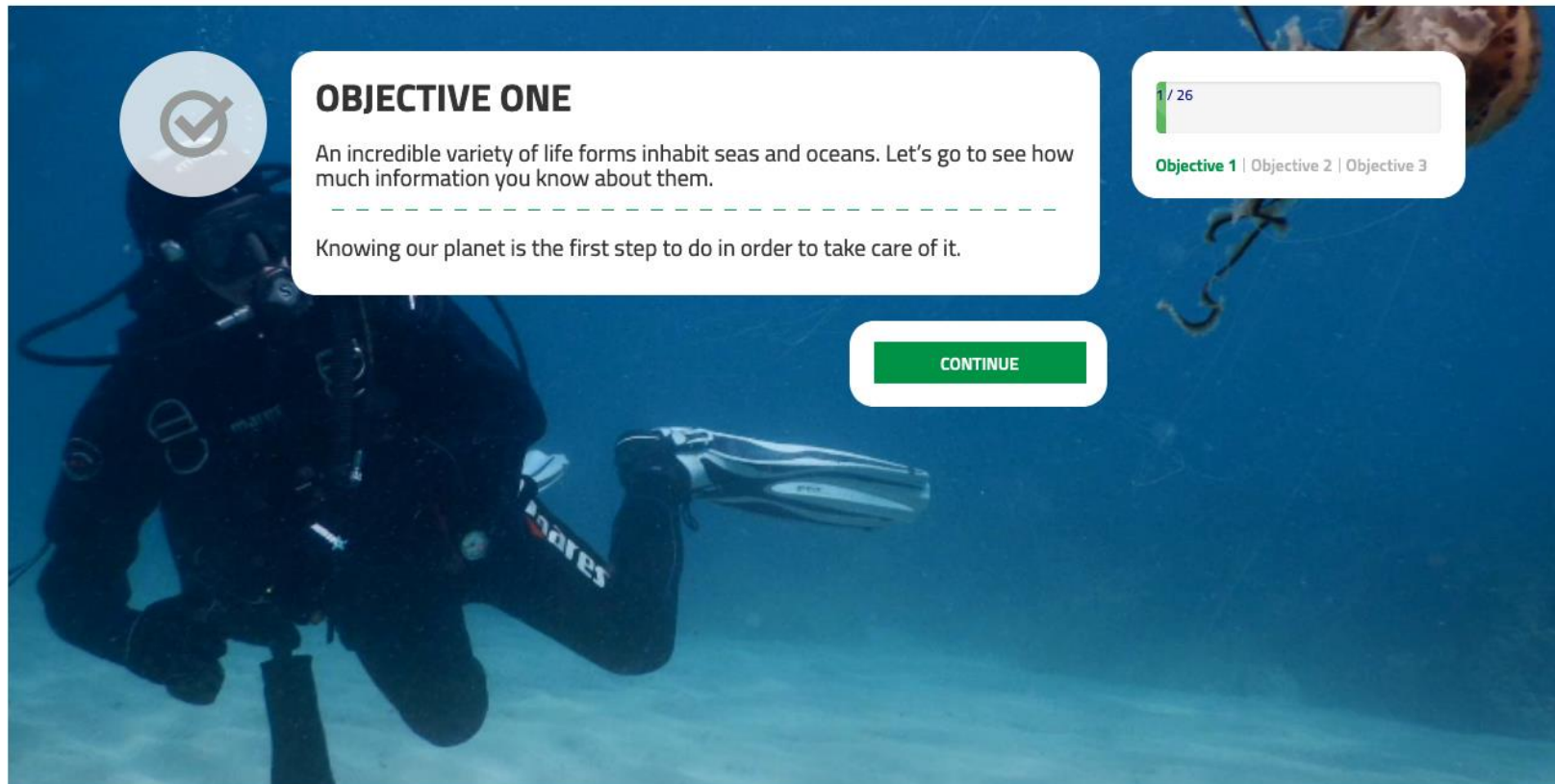


During the game

The **objective of the game** is to complete it with the highest score and in the shortest time.

The gameplay is designed in multiple **objectives** with questions: you have to explore them all! You must **reply to each question** to unlock the next one and complete the game.

You **gain points for each correct answer**. You have **multiple attempts** for each question but the number of assigned points per question decrease after each try.





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After the game

Awards ceremony

The classes with the highest scores will be invited to participate to an awards ceremony.

You will meet other schools, the Marine SABRES project partners and share what you have learned from this competition!





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