

# MakeEUBlue Awards 2024 Winners

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## LIFE CONCEPTU MARIS

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"CONservation of CEtaceans and Pelagic sea TURtles in Med: Managing Actions for their Recovery In Sustainability",

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## MakeEUBlue Awards 2024

In April 2024, the EU4Ocean coalition opened voting for the MakeEUBlue Awards 2024, looking for the best initiatives for understanding Europe's oceans!

Among the candidates, our **LIFE Conceptu Maris project** won second prize!



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## A GREAT RECOGNITION

The EU4Ocean Coalition, supported by the European Commission (EC), has held its annual **MakeEUBlue Awards**. Celebrating progress in ocean literacy, these awards highlight initiatives fostering awareness about the importance of the ocean and promoting sustainable practices. The winners, selected by **public voting** and by a high-esteemed **Advisory Board of experts**, have been announced at the European Maritime Day on 31 May in Svendborg, Denmark.

The “Make EU Blue” initiative, developed by the European Union, aims to promote environmental sustainability and the protection of marine ecosystems through activities such as sustainable fishing, the conservation of marine biodiversity and the diffusion of circular economy practices in the maritime sector.

Around thirty European projects participated in the final selection, LIFE Conceptu Maris won the second prize, the “Classic Blue”. First and third prizes were awarded to the Sunset Docks and Blue Nights projects respectively.

In the case of LIFE Conceptu Maris, the complete e-learning course developed by the Cima Foundation for the crews of the shipping teams was considered particularly interesting, illustrating the risks that maritime traffic entails for cetaceans, promoting greater awareness.



“ It is amazing to see how our project can really make a difference, not only in monitoring and data collection but also in Ocean Literacy. We love observing the blue, looking for cetaceans and turtles, and we are proud to contribute to making Europe even more Blue. ”

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