



PRESS INFORMATION

“Plastic Pirates” – On a mission to fight plastic waste

“Plastic Pirates – Go Europe!” is an international citizen science campaign launched by the ministries of education, science and research of Germany, Portugal and Slovenia, which is taking place during their Trio Presidency of the Council of the European Union. The goal is to raise awareness of the importance of protecting our rivers as natural resources and to highlight the value added of international research collaboration.

The campaign calls upon children and adolescents aged between 10 and 16 years to investigate the subject of plastic waste in the environment, particularly in and near various bodies of waters. The accompanying teaching materials and worksheets and the project booklet provide guidelines on the campaign and are available free of charge. The next sampling period starts on 1 May and runs through 30 June 2021.

The Department of Research on Learning and Instruction at Ruhr-Universität Bochum is doing supporting research to bring the scientific and societal benefit of the campaign into focus. Their research centres on the impact of the “Plastic Pirates – Go Europe!” campaign and will explore whom it is benefiting, how much and under which conditions.

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