



In collaboration with **GLOBE Europe-Eurasia Region Coordination Office** in Prague (Czech Republic)

RIVERS IN SPRING WORLD WATER DAY IN MANTOVA 24th edition

**4th VIRTUAL INTERNATIONAL WORLD WATER DAY
MANTOVA ITALY
22 March 2024**



Lungolago Gonzaga Mantova

In-person 9:00–13:00 AM and 13:00-15:00 PM (optional) CET

Online 9:30 AM–12:30 AM CET

INVITE

All CCs, DCCs, Teachers, Students and Scientists of the GLOBE Europe-Eurasia and GLOBE Asia and Pacific Regions are kindly invited to join the **24th edition of RIVERS IN SPRING**, the event that will celebrate **World Water Day on March 22nd, 2024**, in Mantova, Northern Italy.

THE OFFICIAL THEME AND OTHER TOPICS



The official theme of the 2024 WWD event is **“LEVERAGING WATER FOR PEACE”** or **“WATER FO PEACE”**

Please refer to the Presentation of the event accompanying the invitation

However, other topics are also on the Agenda:

- The Water – Climate-Change Nexus
- Microplastics in water bodies
- The Water-Energy Nexus
- The Human Right to Water
- The Water-Agriculture Nexus
- Water and Ecosystem Services, etc.





IN PRESENCE AND ONLINE

Replicating the experience of the last edition, the event will take place in-person on the Lungolago Gonzaga in Mantova and will maintain, amplified, the international dimension acquired in the 2021, 2022 and 2023 editions held within the global network of the GLOBE Program (www.globe.gov), in collaboration with the GLOBE Europe-Eurasia Region Coordination Office.

Therefore, schools will be able to participate **face-to-face, holding activities** (monitoring labs, scientific demonstrations, creative activities, etc.), or **visiting the activities proposed by others**, but also **online, presenting e-products, or watching live**. Schools that present face-to-face or online activities will be issued a certificate of **active participation**.

The workstation face to face activities will begin lakeside at **9:00 AM** and will end at **1:00 PM CET**; as per tradition, some classes will continue the activities lakeside or in the city.

The online activities will start at **9:30 AM** and will end at **12:30 PM CET**.



THE EVENT IN PRESENCE

As per the twenty-year tradition, the event will take place in the splendid setting of the Mantova lakes. The workstations will be located along the Lungolago Gonzaga, between nature and culture: facing the waters of the River Mincio and backed by the magnificent monuments of medieval Mantova.

A- Schools that will manage face-to-face activities

B- Schools that will participate as visitors

On **March 10th**, they will receive the logistical and organizational information useful for reaching the venue of the event and for activating their workstations. On **March 15th** they will receive the Agenda.

Note: We have decided not to include the registration links for foreign schools for on site participation due to the high costs that it would entail. But if any European school would like to join us in this circumstance, they would be extremely welcome.



THE ONLINE EVENT - REGISTRATION FORM

Two online live broadcasts will be structured: one at an international level, in English, managed by researchers from Deakin University, A/Prof. Ass. Alessandra Sutti and Env. Eng. Stuart Robottom; one at a national level, in Italian, managed by the GLOBE Italia Team in collaboration with high school students in Mantova. The international live broadcast will be structured around live or pre-recorded interventions by teachers, scientists from universities, research institutions and GLOBE and non-GLOBE agencies from Italy, Europe-Eurasia, Asia and Pacific, North and South America; the national live broadcast of the event will be structured on connections from Lungolago Gonzaga and from some Italian, European and Asian locations and on the broadcast of national and international recorded materials.

NOTE: To access the Registration Form you need to have or create a GOOGLE account, i.e. Gmail



C- Schools that will participate by sending e-products (videos, presentations, e-books, drawings, photos, etc.)

All the materials transmitted will become part of the **digital catalog** of the event. Among the materials received, the teams of **LABTER-CREA**, **GLOBE ITALIA APS Association** and **MMPT** (Microplastics Monitoring Protocol Trial) **will select those** for the live broadcast. Schools will receive the **Event Agenda on March 15th**. Below is the link to the **Registration Form** for these schools, which they are asked **to complete and return by February 20th**. The Registration Form allows teachers to upload the e-product created and its description. **Please, use one Form for each product you plan to submit.**

Link to the Registration form

<https://forms.gle/xshgnzsBc9wAE7Be8>

We kindly ask teachers to follow the **Guidelines** below preparing their materials.

D- Schools that will want to follow the event online as spectators

Instructions will be available on the GLOBE Italia website www.globeitalia.it on the day.

MORE INFORMATION ABOUT THE EVENT



The event is strictly **PLASTIC FREE** and will be oriented on an educational and scientific level, in accordance with the objectives of the **GLOBE Program** and the **UN Agenda 2030 for Sustainable Development**: this will apply both to the activities managed in the field and to the online products that will be offered by Italian, European, Eurasian, Asian and Pacific, North American teachers and scientists and by Italian and international universities, research centres, local authorities, associations, environmental management and control and by companies.

The event will be held on a virtual platform, to ensure the widest possible participation also at an international level.

Target of the event: children, students, teachers, pedagogues, environmental educators, researchers, science communicators, citizens.

Everyone will be able to follow the event by clicking on the link on the website www.globeitalia.it

Access to the ZOOM platform will be reserved for the MCs and speakers.



IN THE CONTEXT OF GLOBE EUROPE-EURASIA NETWORK

The event, which takes place as part of GLOBE EUROPE-EURASIA, is aimed at raising students', teachers' and citizens' awareness of the conservation of natural resources and in particular water, for the achievement of the objectives indicated by the **United Nations 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development**.



E-PRODUCTS PRESENTATION

All the products presented will be published on the **GLOBE ITALY** website starting from **March 22nd**. A selection of products will be broadcast live during the event; the event **Agenda** will be released on **March 15th**.



PROMOTERS AND ORGANIZERS

The event is promoted and organized by **LABTER-CREA** School Network in Mantova, **GLOBE Italy**, **Associazione GLOBE Italia APS (UD)**, **IS Fermi Mantova**, **I.I.S.S. Bassa Friulana** Cervignano del Friuli (UD) and **Deakin University** (Australia) in collaboration with **GLOBE Europe-Eurasia Region Coordination Office**, in the context of the **GLOBE Program**.

Institutional Partners: Comune di Mantova, Provincia di Mantova, Parco Regionale del Mincio, Parco Oglio Sud

Patronages were requested from the **Ministero dell'Ambiente e della Sicurezza Energetica (MASE)**, the **Comune di Mantova** and **Regione Lombardia**.

We look forward to seeing you all at the event.

The LABTER-CREA, GLOBE ITALIA and MMPT Teams

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Cover of the 2023 edition of the Online event

GUIDELINES FOR THE e-PRODUCTS TO BE SUBMITTED

1. Template

The event Template will be available from **January 20th** at the following link
[Video and Presentation Template](#)

2. Language

As mentioned, the event will have an international dimension, will have international protagonists and will be followed internationally. It would therefore be appropriate that products could comply with the following indications:

- **Videos, presentations and other products that run automatically:** please include **concise captions in English, whether the product is spoken in the national language or in English.**
- **Drawings or pictures with captions:** please insert captions and other written directly in English

3. Dimensions and Format of Materials

VIDEO

1. Max 2 minutes and **100 MB**
2. Format MP4

Recommendation: if the videos are shot with a smartphone, shoot with the largest dimension of the device in a horizontal position

PRESENTATION

1. Max 2 minutes and **100 MB** in format .ppt o video MP4. If in .ppt, the presentation must run automatically with embedded audio commentar.

IMAGE

1. Format .jpg
2. Max 1MB

DRAWING

1. Format .jpg
2. Max 1MB

PRODUCT DESCRIPTION

1. Format .pdf
2. Max 1MB



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