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“NO BLUE NO FUTURE” Exhibition

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Athens Municipality Art Gallery (Building A)

Science Meets Art: HCMR at the “No Blue No Future” Exhibition as Part of the European Researchers' Night 2026 Post-Events.

“Beneath the Surface – An Invisible World Comes to Life”

Educational Experiential Workshop for Children at the Athens Municipality Art Gallery

On **Saturday, October 17, 2026, at 11:30**, the Athens Municipality Art Gallery (Building A) hosts the experiential educational activity for children aged 9 to 15, titled ***“Beneath the Surface – An Invisible World Comes to Life.”***

The event is organized by the Library in collaboration with the **Education Unit and the Institute of Oceanography of the Hellenic Centre for Marine Research (HCMR)**. It is part of the European Researchers' Night 2026 (Post-Event ERN) within the framework of the European project **STEPS – Science for Growth: Empowering Minds**.

The event takes place in the context of the exhibition ***“No Blue No Future”*** (September 18 – October 18, 2026), held with the support of the City of Athens Culture, Sports & Youth Organization (OPANDA) and curated by Dr. Nina Fragopoulou, Marine Biologist and independent curator.

It represents a creative dialogue between contemporary art and science, where the exhibited works highlight the threats facing marine ecosystems—from pollution and overfishing to the climate crisis—delivering the clear message that without healthy seas, there is no future.

The Experience for Children

“Where the eye cannot reach, the researcher's gaze arrives.”

Specialized scientists from the **Education Unit of HCMR**, using dedicated scientific equipment, invite children to explore the unseen world of plankton. Through this interactive introduction to the microscopic organisms that sustain life across seas and oceans, young participants discover how scientific observation sheds light on what remains hidden beneath the water's surface, gaining insight into their vital importance for planetary balance and the future of our world.

Information & Registration

- Organized by: Library & HCMR Education Unit
- Venue: Athens Municipality Art Gallery (Building A), Leonidou & Myllerou Str., Avdi Square, Metaxourgeio
- Number of participants: Up to 20 children (first come, first served)
- Bookings: +30 210 52 02 420 (Monday – Friday, 10:00 – 14:00)
- Admission: Free