

SLE-GO2025! International Science Learning Expedition

The **GLOBE ITALIA APS Association**, in collaboration with the **Regional Civil Protection of Friuli Venezia Giulia**, is organizing an international science learning expedition in the cross-border ITA-SLO area, around the cities of Gorizia and Nova Gorica. The event will involve delegations of students and teachers from GLOBE schools in Italy, Slovenia, and other European countries, who will take part in scientific and environmental activities and monitoring.

Other project partners: the GLOBE Regional Office Europe and Eurasia; CSOD – Center Solskih in obsojskih dejavnosti (it coordinates the GLOBE network in Slovenia); UNIUD-Di4A – University of Udine, Department of Agricultural, Food, Environmental and Animal Sciences; CREA-GO – Council for Agricultural Research and Economics, Gorizia branch; and ISIS DELLA BASSA FRIULANA (a GLOBE school).

PATRONAGE: the Italian Ministry of the Environment (MASE), the Municipality of Gorizia. **The initiative is part of the official program of events for GO!2025 Nova Gorica–Gorizia European Capital of Culture for the year 2025.**

The full-immersion scientific expedition, supported by researchers and outdoor education experts, will enhance participants' awareness through an experiential and scientific understanding of the area. Activities will focus on water, microplastics, biodiversity, soil, and weather data collection, with particular attention to environmental issues and climate emergencies. Conceived specifically for the occasion of **GO!2025**, the event will highlight **Science as a tool for diplomacy across borders**.

The collaboration with the Regional Civil Protection will help foster a **culture of volunteerism** and offer a valuable opportunity to **promote the importance of prevention** among young people from diverse backgrounds, providing positive behavioral models in the face of increasingly frequent global crises.

The event will include the setup of a **"base camp"**, from which the stages of the expedition will begin.

TARGET: The event is open to students of all genders, aged 12 to 17, who will be accompanied by their teachers, researchers, GLOBE educators, and experts. Participation is limited to a maximum of 15 delegations from different countries, for a total of approximately 60–70 participants.

WORKING LANGUAGE: The working language of the event will be **ENGLISH**, which will be used for activities, participant communication, and scientific documentation.

WHEN: OCTOBER 7–10, 2025

WHERE: The **base camp** hosting the participants will be set up **at the Regional Civil Protection headquarters located in Palmanova (UD)**, coinciding with the demonstration activities planned for *Civil Protection Week*. Participants will be accommodated in tents arranged in a protected area monitored by Civil Protection volunteers. The base camp, equipped with restroom facilities, will also provide meals supplied by the Civil Protection – Alpini Group of Palmanova.

AGENDA (draft)

FIRST DAY – Tuesday, October 7: Arrival at the Palmanova base camp by 12:00 PM. On-site transportation will be arranged by the organization as needed to accommodate arrivals.

9:00-12.00 Welcome and registration of participants

12:30 Lunch at the base camp

13:30 Team formation

14:30-18:00 – Field activities

19:00 Dinner at the base camp

20:00 Group work

SECOND DAY – Wednesday, October 8 (In the field around Gorizia - Nova Gorica)

8:00 Breakfast

9:30-12:30 – Field activity

12:30 Lunch

13:30-16:30 – Field activity

17:00-19:00 - Return to the base camp; group activities and data analysis

19:00 Dinner at the base camp

20:00 Group work

THIRD DAY – Thursday, October 9 (In the field around Gorizia - Nova Gorica)

8:00 Breakfast

9:30-12:30 – Field activity

12:30 Lunch

13:30-17:30 – Field activity – visit to the cities of Gorizia-Nova Gorica

18:00-19:00 – Return to the base camp

19:00 Dinner at the base camp

20:30 Event Show with Presentation of Fieldwork

FOURTH DAY – Friday, October 10

8:00 Breakfast

Farewell remarks - Departures

HOW TO REACH THE BASE CAMP IN PALMANOVA (UD)

The city of Palmanova, [map link](#), which will host the base camp for the expedition, is located at the crossroads between the cities of Trieste (50 km), Gorizia (30 km), Udine (20 km), and Venice (100 km). It is connected to all these cities by train and/or bus services.

It can be reached:

- **By plane:** Destination **Trieste Airport**. From the Trieste Airport hub, trains and buses are available to connect to Palmanova. Other options include **Ljubljana Airport** and **Venice Marco Polo Airport**, both offering train connections to Palmanova.
- **By train:** Arrival station is **Palmanova**, located on the Udine–Trieste railway line.
- **By bus:** Regular bus services are available from the cities of Trieste, Gorizia, and Udine to Palmanova.

The organization is available to provide shuttle support for delegations arriving by public transport if needed.

The expedition sites in the cross-border areas of Gorizia and Nova Gorica will be reached by bus provided by the organization.

NOTES

A participation fee of 110 Euros per person is required to partially cover accommodation, meals, local transportation, educational materials, and gadgets.

LINK for new registrations - please complete the form by August 20th.

<https://forms.gle/msB495p5qcrEQGMK7>

The final program and the whole organizational details will be sent to pre-registered delegations by the first week of September 2025. Later, the names of participants and any special dietary requirements (allergies, intolerances, specific diets) or other needs will be requested.

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