



## TO THE GLOBE Program COUNTRY COORDINATORS

Dear friends, we are pleased to announce the RIVERS IN SPRING (Fiumi di Primavera) event, which celebrates the 20th edition of the World Water Day 2020 in Mantova, Northern Italy.

It will take place on March 20 next.

In the approximately 60 stations set up on the right bank of the Mantova Lower Lake, schools, local authorities, agencies and associations will manage more than 80 activities organized on scientific laboratories, creative performances, exhibits, exhibitions and excursions in the environment dedicated to the official theme of the event WATER AND CLIMATE CHANGE launched by the United Nations. However, other environmental issues that have national or regional or local relevance and that fall within the objectives of the United Nations Agenda 2030 (n. 2 Good Health and well Being, n. 6 Clean Water and Sanitation, n. 7 Affordable and clean Energy, n.13 Climate Action, n. 14 Life below Water) will also be addressed.

The 3000 expected participants will be involved in a choral testimony in defense of surface waters (rivers, lakes, canals, wetlands, etc.), of the ecosystem services they offer (whose functionality is threatened by the climate change, as well as by anthropic activities) and of the natural resources in general in the with a view to sustainable development.



Images from the WWD 2019 edition in Mantova

Italian and foreign universities and research centers will be present.

GLOBE schools from Friuli and Mantua will make scientific demonstrations based on GLOBE protocols and use of the GLOBE Apps for the dissemination of Citizen Science.

On this occasion, the 25th anniversary of the foundation of the GLOBE Program will be celebrated. The event, an example of co-planning between schools and communities, is **PLASTIC-FREE**, **C-CHANGE** monitored and completely free for both exhibitors and visitors.



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Due to the presence of foreign visitors, exhibitors are invited to prepare a brief description of their activities in English.

The event is promoted and organized by LABTER-CREA School Network Mantova in collaboration with Associazione GLOBE ITALIA, GLOBE Italy National School Network, the GLOBE Program and ISIS Bassa Friulana, a leading Globe School in Italy located in Cervignano del Friuli, Udine.

The event has the patronage of the Italian Ministry of the Environment and the Protection of Resources and the Sea, the US General Consulate in Milan, the Lombardy Region, the Municipality of Mantova and the National Virgilian Academy.

The **Program of the Exhibitors running Activities** can be downloaded from the GLOBE ITALIA website at the following address:

<https://www.globeitalia.it/>

#### **INVITATION TO THE GLOBE Program COUNTRY COORDINATORS**

We warmly invite the National Coordinators of GLOBE to ask teachers and researchers to promote scientific, creative and communication actions in schools, universities and their communities in the days preceding / coinciding with / or following the official date (March 22) in collaboration with their respective partners and with citizenship to raise awareness among decision makers about the need to make interventions for the study and defense of the quality of the aquatic systems and the ecosystem services they offer and against the climate change.

We invite the National Coordinators to share the scheduled actions with short reports and with reports accompanied by photos and videos of the actions that will be carried out.

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