

## Call for Applications: Workshops & Education Market

### About the WeltWeitWissen Congress 2026

The nationally renowned WeltWeitWissen Congress, **Germany's most important conference on global learning (GL) and education for sustainable development (ESD)**, is coming to the state of Schleswig-Holstein in the Baltic Sea region for the first time. The event is hosted by Bündnis Eine Welt Schleswig-Holstein e.V. (BEI) in cooperation with stakeholders from Schleswig-Holstein.

Since 2005, the bi-yearly congress discusses current challenges and opportunities in the field of GL and ESD and creates space for diving into education policy, presenting Best Practice approaches, and networking. Given its location, this year's congress revolves around **"Life at Sea – Globally and Locally"**. Topics to be discussed include marine and climate protection, biodiversity, (global) justice, security, migration and refugees, trade, among others.

**Date:** September 14-16, 2026

**Location:** media docks Lübeck (Willy-Brandt-Allee 31, 23554 Lübeck)

**Featuring experts from all over Germany!**

### Program

The programme includes **lectures, panel discussions, workshops, excursions, and an education market** (exhibition fair) with representatives from relevant organisations.

In total, the congress offers **four workshop slots**, each including **ten parallel events** (workshops, panel discussions, excursions), on Monday, 14 September, and Tuesday, 15 September.

On **Monday, 14 September**: 2h in the afternoon (approx. 4:00 p.m. – 6:00 p.m.).

On **Tuesday, 15 September**: workshops will take place all day in **three** 2h slots (approx. 10am – 12pm, 2pm – 4pm, 4pm – 6pm).

In addition, a **full-day education market will take place on Tuesday, 15 September**, running parallel to workshops and excursions. This exhibition fair provides the opportunity for organisations, initiatives and education policy actors to present innovative concepts and network with visitors.

**Preliminary timetable:**

	Monday, 14 Sep	Tuesday, 15 Sep	Wednesday, 16 Sep
<b>8am – 10am</b>		Welcome and joint introduction	Welcome and joint start
<b>10 am – 12pm</b>		<b>Workshop Slot 2</b>	Lecture, discussion, keynote in plenary session
<b>12pm – 2pm</b>	Arrival and Welcome	<i>Lunch break</i>	Joint conclusion
<b>2pm – 4pm</b>	Keynote in plenary session	<b>Workshop Slot 3</b>	End
<b>4pm – 6pm</b>	<b>Workshop Slot 1</b>	<b>Workshop Slot 4</b>	
<b>From 6pm</b>	Dinner and evening programme	Dinner and evening program	
		<b>The <i>education market</i> will take place simultaneously to the workshops.</b>	

## Call for Applications

We cordially invite organisations, initiatives, and qualified professionals to submit their ideas for workshops and the *education market* via the **application form**. Selected contributions will have the opportunity to design and conduct workshops or present innovative educational offers at the *education market*. We are looking forward to receiving your concepts addressing sea-related challenges in a global context.

## Workshops

The workshops address the central themes of the congress and are based on the didactic principles of GL and ESD. The workshop content is to be conveyed as a "pedagogical double-decker" – through **technical and content-related knowledge**, as well as **methodological and didactic ideas** for educational practice.

We welcome creative, participatory, and innovative formats in **German or English** that contribute to a professional educational discourse.

**Please note the following information when submitting your application:**

- **Workshop duration:** Workshops can take up one, two, or three workshop slots (full day on Tuesday, 15 September). Please indicate the duration in the application form.
- **Compensation:** Your participation will be **compensated (EUR 100/hour)**. Travel expenses for workshop leaders will be covered. Unfortunately, accommodation costs **cannot** be covered.
- Admission to the conference is **free** for workshop leaders.
- An expert committee of the formal and non-formal education sector in Schleswig-Holstein will decide on the workshop ideas included in the conference programme. Particular attention is given to the workshop's **relevance to the conference theme, as well as creative and didactically convincing approaches**.
- **Application deadline:** Please submit your workshop concepts by 31 March 2026 using the application form, via email to [vanessa.schaefer@bei-sh.org](mailto:vanessa.schaefer@bei-sh.org).

We are happy to discuss ideas for local **excursions** with you directly in order to clarify logistics and content together. Please send your suggestions via email to [vanessa.schaefer@bei-sh.org](mailto:vanessa.schaefer@bei-sh.org).

### **Education Market**

The *education market* will take place on **Tuesday, 15 September** throughout the day and simultaneously to the workshop program.

The *education market* highlights pioneering educational initiatives, bring together stakeholders from the fields of education, politics, and civil society, and present examples of best practice that contribute to the sustainable integration of GL and ESD in formal and non-formal educational

We are looking for innovative, participatory, and future-oriented educational programs, initiatives, and organizations in **German or English**.

**Please note the following information when submitting your application:**

- **Compensation:** Exhibitors will not be compensated. Travel and accommodation costs can be covered for **three selected exhibitors**. The selection will be made by an expert committee featuring various fields of formal and non-formal education in Schleswig-Holstein.
- Admission to the congress is **free** for exhibitors.
- **Application Deadline:** Please submit your application by 31 March 2026 using the application form via email to [vanessa.schaefer@bei-sh.org](mailto:vanessa.schaefer@bei-sh.org).

## Content Framework for WeltWeitWissen 2026

<b>Topics</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Marine conservation and research</li> <li>• Climate protection and biodiversity</li> <li>• Human rights and trade agreements</li> <li>• Maritime transport and tourism</li> <li>• Imperial appropriation and postcolonialism</li> <li>• Fishing and marine litter</li> <li>• Migration &amp; displacement</li> <li>• Global ocean governance</li> <li>• Military use of the oceans</li> <li>• Methodology &amp; didactics of global learning</li> </ul>
<b>Formats</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Workshops</li> <li>• Education Market</li> <li>• Keynotes</li> <li>• Panel discussions</li> <li>• Lectures</li> </ul>
<b>Languages</b>	German and English

Please submit your application by **31 March 2026** using the application form, via email to [vanessa.schaefer@bei-sh.org](mailto:vanessa.schaefer@bei-sh.org). Unfortunately, any offers received after this deadline cannot be considered.

**We are looking forward to receiving your ideas!**

### Legal Framework:

The selected speakers are obliged to comply with the applicable legal and organisational provisions, including ethical standards, data protection guidelines, and the guidelines set out in the congress mission statement. In the event of non-compliance, the hosting organisation reserves the right to terminate contracts.

The congress is organised by Bündnis Eine Welt Schleswig-Holstein e.V. in cooperation with the Ministry of General and Vocational Education, Science, Research, and Culture, including the ESD Agency of the State of Schleswig-Holstein, the Kirchlichen Entwicklungsdienst der Nordkirche (KED), and the Ministry of Energy Transition, Climate Protection, Environment, and Nature (MEKUN).

The project is funded by:

Gefördert durch Engagement Global in finanzieller Unterstützung des BMZ

