

Participation Regulations

Young curious and critical minds wanted for the Council of the Baltic Sea States (CBSS)

2021' edition of the Baltic Sea Youth Dialogue!

Are you looking for an opportunity to meet young people from different countries despite not being able to travel?

Do you want to learn about and practice collaboration in the Baltic Sea Region?

Let's get together, get to know people from abroad and discuss what has happened with experts from the field. Even better – work on what has happened and can happen together with your peers!

The CBSS is calling 18–25-year-olds from around the region (citizens or residents from member and observer states) to join the Baltic Sea Youth Dialogue 2021: **Looking forward, looking back – 30 Years of Collaboration in the Baltic Sea Region.**

Here you meet peers and experts from the fields. The experts, both representatives from the intergovernmental organisation The Council of the Baltic Sea States (CBSS) Secretariat and from other important and interesting actors, will meet you in a dialogue, starting off with a lecture. Listen to their input and (potentially) have an exclusive opportunity to ask your questions and make your thoughts heard in the connected Q&A session.

Choose your field of interest between Regional Identity (cultural cooperation), Safe & Secure Region (security cooperation) and Sustainable & Prosperous Region (environmental cooperation) and start thinking and creating.

1. Develop a group output as an entry to the cross-country assignment. Meet your team colleagues, get guidance from a mentor, discuss, have fun and submit your entry until 28th November 2021.

or

2. Write a learning diary as your individual reflection to one of the lectures. Follow the streamed lectures and send in your valuable entry until 14th November 2021.

Applications, participation and creative entries are encouraged and there will be prizes for the three best groups (one in each category), and the three best individual entries. The finalists will be selected by a renowned jury and awarded during the online ceremony on 11th December 2021.

Cross-country assignment

(18-25 years old)

Experience meeting new peers from across the Baltic Sea Region, getting into dialogue, having an intercultural exchange, sharing creativity, and collaborating on an output aiming for the win.

Apply to take part in a cross-country activity and be part of creating an output of your choosing together with your international group colleagues. Be one of only 36 young people getting the chance to discuss in a Q&A session at the end of 3 lectures with knowledgeable experts from the fields of cultural cooperation, security cooperation or environmental cooperation.

Based on your preferred area, the lecture and additional input you will get through your own little treasure box (activity box filled with information and material connected to the lectures, objects that can be used for the production of a common output, as well as background information, and goods from around the Baltic Sea Youth Dialogue, Baltic Sea Region and CBSS). Successful applicants will receive this box via post (- no bottle big enough to send it as a bottled message, unfortunately).

Get inspired by the lecture, the content from your box, the dialogue in your group and create an output together, which represents your ideas, concerns or story in connection with the topic of the Baltic Sea Youth Dialogue 2021: **Looking forward, looking back – 30 Years of Collaboration in the Baltic Sea Region**. You may create written outputs (essay, poem, short story, interview, etc.), graphic or audio-visual outputs (poster, photocollage, video, etc.), sculptural/ corporal outputs (sculpture, figure, device, etc.), or other. Instruction and condition are that the output clearly relates to the chosen field and shows an issue from the lecture.

We will get you started and catch up with you in two mentor led sessions. In addition, you will coordinate and collaborate among your group. (You might be asked to document your BSYD journey through pictures and clips with a chance of ending up in a BSYD 2021 video to be presented across the region!)

Requirements for the Cross-country assignment: English language, group work. (Final outcome and signed contract must be submitted: cbss.bsyd@gmail.com no later than 28th November 2021)

Learning Diary

(15-25 years old)

Let your thoughts roam freely on a topic you picked up on when listening to one of the lectures and share them with us by writing down your reflections in an output aiming for the win.

We think all interested young people from the region should have the opportunity to make their thoughts heard. You can therefore follow the three lectures online (link will be announced on the CBSS website).

Pick up on a key word or concept from any of the three lectures that sticks out to you and to elaborate on this in form of a ca. 2-page learning diary:

A learning diary is a tool to reflect on the topics of a lecture. It provides the freedom to choose whether you want to reflect on the topic of the lecture in general and connect it to personal experiences, or to choose one specific detail as the focus topic which you elaborate on.

Show the renowned jury what you are wondering or worrying about; what you do not stand or understand. Have us learn from what you have learned at this year's BSYD: **Looking forward, looking back – 30 Years of Collaboration in the Baltic Sea Region.**

Requirements for a Learning diary: English language, max 1000 words limit. (Final outcome and signed contract must be submitted: cbss.bsyd@gmail.com no later than 14th November 2021)

Prizes

All winners:

Win an Interrail Ticket to travel the Region! (- and maybe meet your new friends and cross-country group?)

Have any questions?

Write to us:

cbss@cbss.org

Organised by:

Council of the Baltic Sea States

www.cbss.org

Funded by:

German Embassy Stockholm

www.stockholm.diplo.de/se