

**Info package**



**BSRYF**

**Baltic Sea Region Youth Forum**

More information:

<https://cbss.org/other-bodies/baltic-sea-region-youth-forum/>

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# Overview



CBSS Ministerial Declaration [A Vision for the Baltic Sea Region by 2030 – the Vilnius II declaration](#)



Successor of the [Baltic Sea Youth Platform](#) Erasmus+ project



**Consultation** with pan-Baltic and youth organisations on a new format and best way to ensure meaningful youth participation



**First Election meeting** on April 19<sup>th</sup> 2023 and fully operation on July 1<sup>st</sup> 2023

You can register to the election meeting via the [BSRYF mailing list HERE](#).

# Purpose of the Baltic Sea Region Youth Forum



**Create networking possibilities** *for youth organisations, initiatives, youth structures and individuals*



**Educate** young people on decision making and decision makers on youth participation



**Convey opinions and facilitate communication** on initiatives between young people and decision makers in the Baltic Sea Region.

# Activities



Organise **regular networking meetings**



**Draft and publication** of  
Policy recommendations



**Support** for event  
organisers to ensure  
meaningful youth  
participation

Events, publications and templates can be found on:

<https://cbss.org/other-bodies/baltic-sea-region-youth-forum/>

# Structure



## Committee of youth representatives (CYR)

- 15 members
- between the age of 16 and 30
- representing various organisations and backgrounds from the region
- 1-year (8) and 2-year (7) terms

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## Steering Group

- 3 representatives of the BSRYP CYR
- 2 representatives of the BSRYP partner organisations and networks

# Priorities of the BSRYF



Promotion of **citizens participation** in macro-regional activities



Meaningful **youth participation** and youth cooperation in a macro-regional context

# Committee of Youth Representatives (CYR)



overall structure,  
representation and  
activities of the BSRYP



Chair and  
vice-chair +  
members with  
specific tasks  
according to  
needs and talents



Supported by the  
CBSS Secretariat and  
the Steering Group

Open call issued on March 15 on [cbss.org](https://www.cbss.org)

Kick-off: 03.05.2023

# CYR positions

- Chair
- Vice-Chair
- Secretary
- Steering Group member (2)
- Working Group leader (x)
- Outreach and communications
- Project officer and fundraiser
- Events and ethics officer
- IT and website officer

Further positions decided among the CYR members



# Chairperson

As the chairperson, your tasks can include calling for and planning committee meetings, preparing agendas and distributing minutes of meetings.

The position will be elected by the members of the BSRYP at the BSRYP election meeting on 19 April.

## Vice - Chair

As the vice-chairperson, you assist the chairperson with their tasks.

The position will be elected from the BSRYP at the BSRYP election meeting on 19 April.

## Secretary

As a secretary, you take care of organisational matters of the forum, such as ensuring meetings are effectively organised and minuted, and the forum upholds legal requirements and maintains effective administration.

The position will be elected by the BSRYP within 14 days after the election meeting.

## Working Group leader

Working groups are responsible for specific projects or assignments. As a working group leader, you will be responsible for an effective group administration which includes to steer, animate, and organise the work of the WG, prepare and report on a work plan for the WG and to promote dissemination of the outcomes of the WG. The size and composition of the working groups are decided by the CYR. The position will be elected by the BSRYP within 14 days after the election meeting.

# Outreach and communications

As an outreach and communications officer, you will be responsible for developing, updating, and monitoring communication policies, social networking accounts, and electronic discussion groups, you are also responsible for acquiring new members and potential partners.



# Project officer and fundraiser

As a project officer and fundraiser, you are responsible for developing new project ideas for the BSRYF. Examples could be mentoring programmes, capacity building for members or public organisations etc. You will be the main contact person when input for new Baltic Sea Region project is needed and supported by the CBSS Secretariat when applying for funding.

# Events and ethics officer

As an Events and ethics officer your responsibility is to provide expertise when events with youth participation are conducted by the CBSS and / or partner organisations. You will be invited to planning meetings and get access to concept notes which you can review and advices regarding potential ethical misconduct. You are responsible for providing guidance and can come up with ideas for improvements.

# IT and website officer

As an IT or website officer your task will entail to upkeep the website content, update the website with material provided by other CYR members and support the outreach and communications officer regarding technical aspects.

# Steering Group



Advising the CYR,  
working groups, and  
partners



Reviewing and Approval  
of new projects, or  
additional  
elements/activities of the  
BSRYF



Development and  
review of guidelines for  
the functioning of the  
BSRYF

Convene at least 3 times per year and start on July 1st every year

Kick-off: 30.06.2023

# BSRYF Election Meeting

April 19, 2023 – 13:30 – 16:00 CET

Election of BSRYF bodies

Vote distribution:

- Established youth organisations: 3 votes after submitting a vote delegation form (can be found on the CBSS website)
- Individuals: 1 vote

[Registration to election meeting](#) through BSRYF mailing list on cbss.org

[Vote delegation](#) can be found on cbss.org (BSRYF – Key documents)

# Baltic Sea Youth Working Groups



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There are currently three working groups to choose from:

- **Advocacy Group** which will turn most attention to providing policy papers to decision makers with new ideas and ensuring young people's perspective is taken into consideration when decisions are being made.
- **Security Group** which will focus on developing concrete actions to enhance civil security cooperation in the Baltic Sea Region.
- **Culture Group** which will contribute to enhancing cultural cooperation in the Baltic Sea Region. The group will be cooperating closely with the Policy Area Culture Coordinators in the EU Strategy for the Baltic Sea Region.

# CBSS Youth Events



Date	Event	Short description
19.04.2023	<b>Election meeting Baltic Sea Region Youth Forum</b>	Election of the first Committee of Youth Representatives (CYR) and two organisations for the Steering Group (SG) – including info session on the BSRYF and opening speeches by high-level representatives
21. – 25.05. 2023	<b>CBSS Youth Ministerial</b>	One-week-event in Berlin, Germany for young people interested in Baltic Sea Region issues and concrete ideas for next steps to be taken by the CBSS governments. The results will be shared with the Foreign Ministers
07. – 09.07.2023	<b>Baltic Sea Region Hackathon</b>	Hackathon for young people interested in programming and solving societal challenges regarding disinformation in the Baltic Sea Region
25. – 27.08.2023	<b>Baltic Sea Parliamentary Youth Forum</b>	2-days-youth event in Berlin, Germany to gather input for the Baltic Sea Parliamentary Conference
October (tbc)	<b>Baltic Sea Youth Camp 2023</b>	Youth event to gather input for the EU Strategy for the Baltic Sea Region. To be confirmed, awaiting decision on funding.
November (tbd)	<b>Baltic Sea Youth Dialogue</b>	In-depth seminar on a topic relevant for the Baltic Sea Region. Gathering approx. 20 participants. To be confirmed.

# Events with youth participation

Date	Time in CET	Event	Short description
25.04.2023	14:30 – 18:00	<b>25<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of the CBSS Secretariat</b>	The CBSS Secretariat holds 25th Anniversary Forum event at its premises in Stockholm, Sweden. The event will feature an exhibition and a panel discussion with youth representation
01. – 02.06.2023		<b>CBSS Ministerial</b>	Meeting of CBSS Foreign Ministers and EU representatives in Wismar, Germany
05. – 06.06.2023		<b>EUSBSR – final event Swedish presidency</b>	Stakeholder conference to conclude the Swedish presidency of the EUSBSR
28. – 29.08.2023		<b>Baltic Sea Parliamentary Conference</b>	Annual general assembly for delegations from the national and regional parliaments in the Baltic Sea Region taking place in Berlin.
04. – 05.10.2023		<b>EUSBSR Annual Forum</b>	Annual stakeholder conference of the EU Strategy for the Baltic Sea Region. Taking place in Riga, Latvia.



Thank you!

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