



Baltic Sea Youth Dialogue 2023

Resilient democracies in the Baltic Sea Region

Intergenerational dialogue on capacity building between sub-regions in the BSR

Intergenerational dialogue to build cooperative, democratic and resilient regions

When:

05. – 09.11.2023

Register here:

<https://forms.office.com/e/7GJDisp1D>

Participants:

- PhD students in politics or related fields, civil servants, young experts
- possible to apply from all CBSS member states (and observer states)
- **ages 18-27**

Organisers:

Council of the Baltic Sea States

Akademiezentrum Sankelmark

Academia Baltica

Land Schleswig-Holstein / BSSC

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Project description:

The BSYD 2023 builds on the foundation of past events and forums, aiming to empower sub-regions in engaging young people as regional builders in the Baltic Sea Region and bolstering democracy by ensuring broad representation in decision-making. This project brings together seasoned experts and emerging professionals, fostering lasting networks and preserving valuable knowledge. It serves as a learning opportunity for young experts, equipping them with practical tools for their research and administrative careers.

It is organised in collaboration between the Council of the Baltic Sea States, the Academia Baltica and the Land Schleswig-Holstein, the future holder of the BSSSC presidency in 2024.

The event offers insight into transnational policymaking at the sub-regional and municipal levels, hosted in the Academic Baltica in Oeversee, Germany. It explores the benefits of Baltic Sea Region cooperation for Schleswig-Holstein, showcasing its impact and relevant cooperation mechanisms. The participants will get the opportunity to actively discuss with high-level speakers, such as the Minister of European Affairs of the Land Schleswig-Holstein.

The event aims to establish a dynamic network of young people, researchers and civil servants working in Baltic Sea Region policy-making, complementing existing regional processes such as the Baltic Sea Region Youth Forum.



Programme:

Arrival and Welcome Program (05.11.2023):

- Participants will arrive by train in Flensburg
- The day may include optional cultural activities, such as FolkBaltica, and opportunities for participants to get to know each other.
- In the evening, a Welcome Dinner will set the tone for the program.

Day 1 - Exploring Key Topics (06.11.2023):

- Participants will engage in informative sessions covering CBSS, EUSBSR, BSSSC mandates, and research perspectives.
- Expert sessions will delve into topics such as EUSBSR BSP, PAC, CBSS, and BSPC.
- A youth perspective on Baltic Sea cooperation will be explored.
- Interactive formats like panel discussions and World Café sessions will foster dialogue.

Day 2 - Reflection and Output Creation (07.11.2023):

- Day two starts with reflections on the previous day's discussions.
- Participants will review the achievements of BSYD over the past decade and discuss the output to be created during the event.
- Expert sessions will focus on areas like Interreg, CPMR – BSR, and PA Secure.
- The day includes time for creative output development.
- A panel discussion will center on Academia Baltica and its role in strengthening democratic resilience in the Baltic Sea Region.

Day 3 - Exploration and Discussions (08.11.2023):



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- Excursion to Kiel, featuring visits to the Ministry of European Affairs and exploration of environmental aspects, possibly visiting the GEOMAR institute.
- Afternoon sessions will take place in Kiel, including an interactive discussion with the Minister for European Affairs of the Land Schleswig-Holstein

Day 4 - Concluding Activities (09.11.2023):

- The morning of day four will include activities in Flensburg.
- Participants will enjoy lunch in Flensburg.
- In the afternoon, the program will conclude, and participants will depart.