



BALTIC SEA PARLIAMENTARY YOUTH FORUM 2024

FINAL RECOMMENDATIONS

1. ENERGY & SECURITY

- The involved actors should enhance the security and resilience of the energy infrastructure by **investing in research and development of outdated systems**, together with the private sector as well as the region's strategic partners, supplementing the existing NATO initiatives.
- Strengthen the **resilience of maritime critical infrastructure** by identifying the most vulnerable areas through comprehensive mapping. This includes joint risk assessments, coordinated training, and real-time information sharing between public and private sectors for rapid, effective threat response.

2. ENERGY & SUSTAINABILITY

- In regional energy consumption, **accelerate the full phase-out of fossil fuels**, starting with non-EU sources such as, and especially, the Russian Federation. Allocate resources towards sustainable energy. Rethink the regional power grid, prioritising its modernisation and smart optimisation in storage and distribution.
- Priorities a just transition by working together to **lower energy prices, build trust in institutions, and support fragile communities**. Additionally, it is crucial to provide strong support for those whose jobs may be at risk due to the green transition by reskilling them, ensuring that no one is left behind as we move toward a more sustainable future.

3. ENERGY & YOUTH PARTICIPATION

- **Integrating youth perspectives into regional energy policy processes:** Youth organisations should be given a permanent and supported place in decision-making processes in the Baltic Sea Region. This can be done by establishing formal structures like National Youth Advisory Bodies for energy independence, security, and sustainability under the Ministry of Energy or equivalent governmental agency for each BSPC parliament, ensuring a strong mandate of the members and recognition of the advisory bodies.
- **Advancing green education and empowering youth in the energy sector:** Promote access to green education and encourage energy companies to create opportunities for young people. This can be achieved by integrating sustainable energy topics into existing programmes, enabling exchange programmes in the region, fostering life-long learning opportunities on relevant topics, as well as encouraging the energy sector to develop internships and mentorships for young people to both educate young people, but also create interest in the sector.

