

PROGRAMME

Baltic Sea Parliamentary Youth Forum

28 August 2021, 12:30–17:00 CEST

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 **BSPC**
BALTIC SEA PARLIAMENTARY CONFERENCE



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SATURDAY 28 AUGUST

Moderator

Ms Catrin Offerman, science journalist with an expertise on sustainability

SESSION 1 COVID-19, democracy and digitalisation – challenges and opportunities, how can we protect trust in the democratic system?

12:30–12:35 Opening by moderator

Welcoming words by *Mr Pyry Niemi*, President of the Baltic Sea Parliamentary Conference (BSPC) 2020–2022 and Chair of the Swedish delegation to the BSPC

12:35–12:45 Disinformation and trust in the democratic system

Mr Alberto Rabbachin, Deputy Head of Unit in DG CONNECT, European Commission

12:45–12:55 Digitalisation/social media, political participation and consequences for the democratic system

Mr Anders Sundell, Senior Lecturer, Gothenburg University

12:55–13:05 New ways to engage – different generations, different tools, same democracy

Ms Monika Skadborg, Board Member of the European Youth Forum

13:05–13:20 Q&A with the speakers and youth participants

13:20–13:45 Q&A with Members of Parliament and youth participants

- ◆ *Ms Mai Kivelä*, Member of Parliament, Finland
- ◆ *Mr Sören Schumacher*, Member of the Hamburg Parliament, Germany
- ◆ *Professor Jānis Vucāns*, Member of Parliament, Latvia

13:45–13:50 Conclusion by youth participant

Concluding remarks by *Mr Pyry Niemi*

13:50–14:00 Break

SESSION 2 Building back our Baltic Sea region in a greener, stronger and better way while tackling climate change and preserving biodiversity

14:00–14:05 Opening by *Ms Cecilie Tenfjord-Toftby*, Chair of the BSPC working group on Climate Change and Biodiversity (WG CCB) and Deputy Chair of the Swedish delegation to the BSPC

- 14:05–14:40 Panel discussion**
- ◆ *Mr Kolbeinn Óttarsson Proppé*, Member of Parliament, Iceland, Deputy Chair WG CCB
 - ◆ *Mr Mattias Frumerie*, Head of Swedish Delegation to United Nations Framework Convention on Climate Change
 - ◆ *Ms Olga Amelkina*, Vice Chairperson of ReGeneration 2030
 - ◆ *Ms Jannie Staffansson*, Consultant on issues related to Climate Change and adaptation of Saami people
 - ◆ *Mr Valdur Lahtvee*, CBSS Policy Officer on Climate

14:45–15:10 Q&A with panel and youth participants

15:10–15:15 Concluding remarks by *Ms Cecilie Tenfjord-Toftby*

15:15–15:30 Break, division into roundtable discussion groups

**SESSION 3 Roundtable discussion with members
15:30–17:00 of the BSPC Working Group on Climate Change and Biodiversity**

Possibility for youth participants to give direct input to the work of the BSPC Working Group on Climate Change and Biodiversity (WG CCB). The objective for each group is to produce two recommendations to the governments of the Baltic Sea States, which later will be shared with the WG CCB.

15:30–16:35 Roundtable group discussions

Innovation Led by *Ms Cecilie Tenfjord-Toftby*, Member of Parliament, Sweden, Chair WG CCB

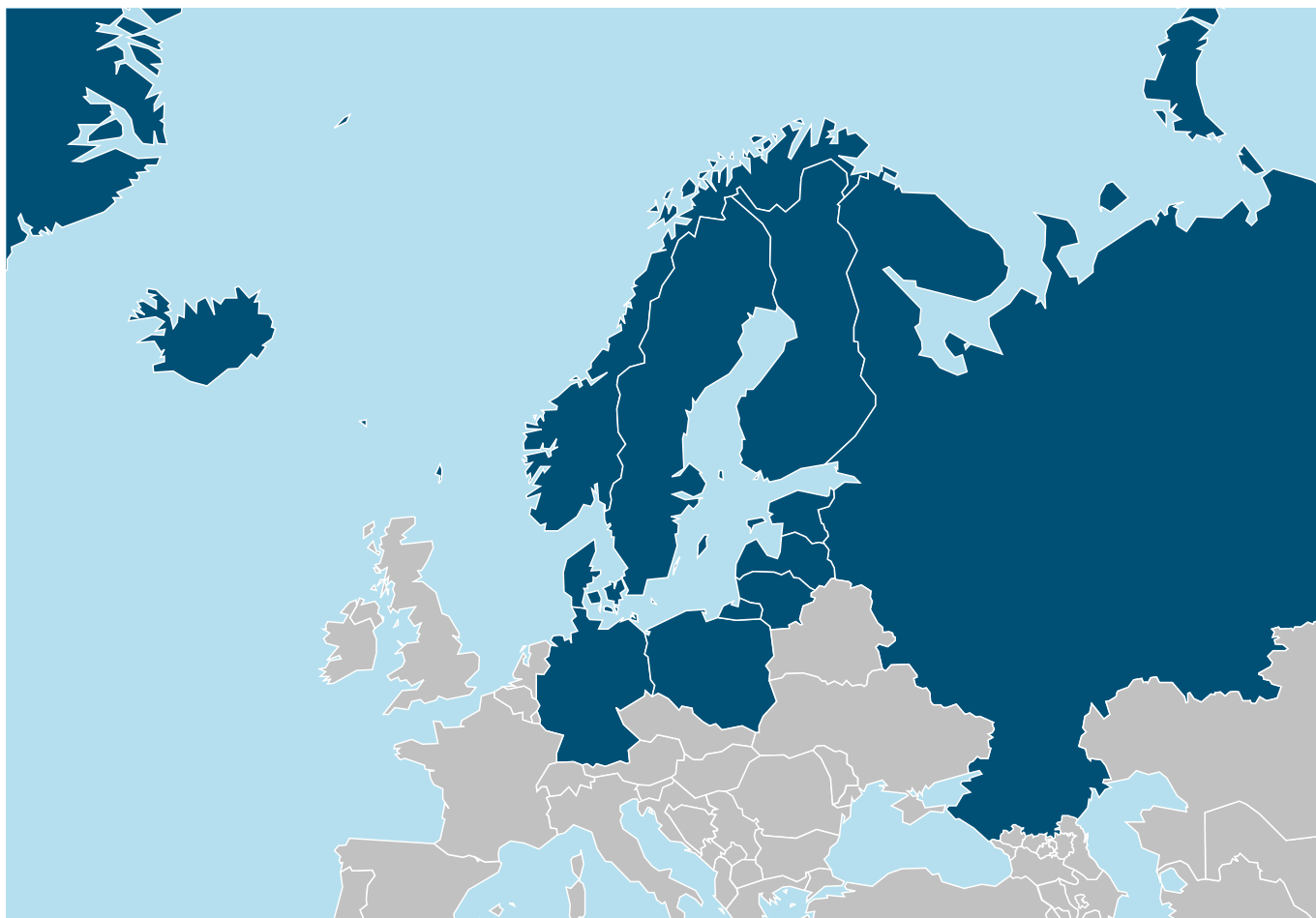
Sea Led by *Mr Kolbeinn Óttarsson Proppé*, Member of Parliament, Iceland, Deputy Chair WG CCB

Circular economy Led by *Ms Liz Mattsson*, Member of Parliament, Åland Islands, Deputy Chair WG CCB

Land Led by *Mr Johannes Schraps*, Member of Parliament, Germany, Vice President of the BSPC

16:35–16:55 Presentation of discussions in full group

16:55–17:00 Concluding remarks by *Ms Cecilie Tenfjord-Toftby*



ABOUT THE ORGANISERS

The Swedish delegation to the BSPC

Hosts of the Youth Forum. Consists of five members of the Swedish Parliament. Holds the presidency of the BSPC August 2020–June 2022. Learn more about the delegation and its presidency [here](#).

Baltic Sea Parliamentary Conference (BSPC)

A forum for cooperation, commitment and competence in political dialogue of parliaments, governments and civil society in the Baltic Sea Region. Aims at raising awareness and opinion on issues of current political interest and relevance for the Baltic Sea Region. The BSPC gathers parliamentarians from 11 national parliaments, 11 regional parliaments and 5 parliamentary organizations from: Denmark, Estonia, Finland, Germany, Iceland, Latvia, Lithuania, Norway, Poland, Russian Federation, Sweden, Bremen, Faroe Islands, Greenland, Hamburg, Kaliningrad, Karelia Leningrad, Mecklenburg-Vorpommern, St. Petersburg, Schleswig-Holstein and the Åland Islands. Learn more [here](#).

Council of the Baltic Sea States (CBSS) / Baltic Sea Youth Platform

An intergovernmental political forum for regional cooperation. Consisting of 11 Member States and the European Union, it supports a regional perspective on global challenges. Learn more [here](#).

The Baltic Sea Youth Platform is a political platform fostering intergenerational dialogue and meaningful youth participation in decision-making in the Baltic Sea Region. Learn more [here](#).

Ministry for Foreign Affairs of Sweden

Responsible for Sweden's foreign, development cooperation and trade policy and a member of the Council of the Baltic Sea States. Young peoples' engagement in institutions and decision-making processes in the Baltic Sea region is important. It gives valuable impetus to our common efforts to build back better from the COVID pandemic to reach a greener, safer, more resilient and gender equal Baltic Sea region. The results from the Baltic Sea Parliamentary Youth Forum will be a valuable contribution to the current discussion on youth engagement in the Council of the Baltic Sea States. Learn more [here](#).