



Baltic Sea Parliamentary Youth Forum 2023 Berlin

Draft Programme 25 - 27 August 2023

DEMOCRACY UNDER SIEGE – HOW DO WE MAKE DEMOCRACIES MORE RESILIENT?

Monday, 3 July 2023

14.00 – 15.00 Virtual pre-meeting with the participants

Friday, 25 August 2023

Dinner reception at the invitation of Anna Lührmann, Minister of State for Europe and Climate, at the German Federal Foreign Office

Saturday, 26 August 2023

09.15 Walk from the hotel to the “Paul Löbe Building (PLH)”, Entrance PLH Süd

10.00 – 10.15 Opening remarks by Johannes Schrap, President of the Baltic Sea Parliamentary Conference (BSPC) 2022–2023 and Chair of the German Delegation to the BSPC as well as by Bernd Hemingway, Deputy Director General of the Secretariat of the Council of the Baltic Sea States (CBSS)

Venue: PLH 4.900

10.15 – 11.30 Keynote speeches with Q&A

Minna-Liina Lind, Deputy Foreign Minister for Global Affairs of Estonia

Franz Thönnies, Parliamentary Secretary of State ret., MP 1994 – 2017, Head of the German Bundestag delegation to BSPC 2002 – 2017

Venue: PLH 4.900

11.30 – 12.30 Networking session: Participants are divided into smaller groups with parliamentarians in each group and given the opportunity to mingle

Group 1: **Anna Kassautzki & Jānis Vucāns**, *Venue: PLH 4.900*

Group 2: **Wille Valve & Antonina Nenaševa**, *Venue: PLH 4.800*

Group 3: **Johannes Schraps & Philipp da Cunha**, *Venue: PLH 4.700*

Group 4: **Henrik Møller & Hanna Katrín Friðriksson**, *Venue: PLH 4.600*

12.30 – 13.30 Lunch

13.30 – 14.45 Panel discussion with experts and Q&A

Dr Oleksandra Keudel, Assistant Professor at the Department of Public Policy and Governance at Kyiv School of Economics

Dr Josephine B. Schmitt, Communication Scholar and Scientific Coordinator at Center for Advanced Internet Studies (CAIS), Bochum

Dr Daniela Vono de Vilhena, Deputy Executive Secretary of Population Europe / Max Planck Institute for Demographic Research

Venue: PLH 4.900

14.45 – 15.00 Break

15.00 – 16.30 Roundtable group discussions to elaborate the recommendations moderated by parliamentarians

Improving Digital Resilience –
Conspiracy Theories and Hate Speech as a Threat to Democratic Societies

Anna Kassautzki & Jānis Vucāns & Paul Nemitz

Venue: PLH 4.900

Increasing Youth Participation and Engaging Young People in Political Decision-Making

Wille Valve & Antonina Nenaševa

Venue: PLH 4.800

Social Division and Polarisation in the face of Right-Wing Extremism – How Do We Stand Together and Find Common Ground?

Johannes Schraps & Philipp da Cunha

Venue: PLH 4.700

Sustaining Faith in Democratic Institutions by Reducing Social Inequality

Henrik Møller & Hanna Katrín Friðriksson

Venue: PLH 4.600

16.30 – 17.00 Presentation of discussions

Venue: PLH 4.900

17.00 – 17.10 Concluding remarks by Mr Johannes Schrapf

Afterwards Family photo

Evening at leisure

Sunday, 27 August 2023

09.15 Walk from the hotel to the “Paul Löbe Building (PLH)”, Entrance PLH Süd

10.00 – 11.30 Guided tour of the Reichstag building, including visit to the dome

11.30 – 13.00 Participants are divided into their respective groups to work on the recommendations

Digital Resilience PLH 4.900
Youth Participation PLH 4.800
Social Division PLH 4.700
Social Inequality PLH 4.600

13.00 – 14.00 Lunch

Afterwards Finishing of recommendations

Monday, 28 August 2023

Participants are invited to take part in the Baltic Sea Parliamentary Conference

Presentations of the recommendations at the BSPC

Tuesday, 29 August 2023

Participants are invited to take part in the Baltic Sea Parliamentary Conference

Departure