



INVITATION TO APPLY FOR THE

## **Baltic Sea Parliamentary Youth Forum 2022 – Decision-makers of today meet region builders of tomorrow**

Bridging the generational divide to ensure a peaceful and sustainable future  
for the Baltic Sea Region

### **What and why?**

- Hybrid meeting for young people and members of parliament from the Baltic Sea region
- Discussions and seminars on how to secure a democratically and environmentally sustainable future
- Sharing of ideas – vital for renewing and innovating policymaking
- Promoting youth participation and perspective – through input and insight

Sweden currently holds the presidency of the Baltic Sea Parliamentary Conference (BSPC), which is a forum for political dialogue between members of national and regional parliaments from the Baltic Sea region, with the purpose of raising awareness and opinion on issues of importance for the region and supporting various initiatives that promote a sustainable environmental, social and economic development in the region. As part of its presidency, Sweden will be hosting the 31st Annual Conference of the BSPC on 12–14 June 2022.

The Baltic Sea Parliamentary Youth Forum of 2022 will take place in connection to the Annual Conference of

the BSPC, in an effort to promote dialogue between young people of the region and policymakers. The purpose is also to capture input from the young generation, which is of great importance in our common endeavour of ensuring a peaceful future for the Baltic Sea Region that is environmentally and democratically sustainable. In light of the vast effects of the COVID-19 pandemic and the recent Russian invasion of Ukraine, this mission is especially important – making input from young people and cooperation across our regional borders more valuable than ever.

The Youth Forum's programme will include an expert presentation, a networking session, a panel discussion, and a roundtable discussion on how to secure a democratically and environmentally sustainable future. The outcome of the Youth Forum will be presented at the BSPC annual conference. The Youth Forum will be centred around themes that also are high on the BSPC agenda – democracy, climate change and biodiversity – providing an opportunity for input into the BSPC's future work, and especially into the work of the working group on climate change and biodiversity.

## What's in it for me?

An opportunity to:

- give your input to policymakers on how to secure a peaceful future that is democratically and environmentally sustainable;
- acquire a greater knowledge of the issues at hand;
- gain insight into international parliamentary cooperation;
- share knowledge and experiences with others;
- networking with youth and decision-makers across the region.

## Who can apply?

You can apply if you are:

- between 16–30 years old on the date of the Youth Forum;
- based in one of the countries of the Baltic Sea region (Denmark, Estonia, Finland, Germany, Iceland, Latvia, Lithuania, Norway, Poland, Sweden); and
- interested in peace, cooperation, climate change, biodiversity and/or democracy and the Baltic Sea region.

## When, where and how many?

- Saturday, 11 June 2022
- Digital or in the Swedish Parliament, Stockholm

40–50 young representatives will be selected to participate. The Youth Forum will be held in a hybrid format where, if possible due to the COVID-19 pandemic, some of the participants will be invited to participate at the Swedish Parliament in Stockholm. A digital pre-meeting, where you will be able to meet the other participants and prepare for the Youth Forum, will be held in June. Participation is free of charge.

## Apply by 12 noon (CET), 24 April

Fill in the application form. In the selection of the final participants, the goal is to create a diverse and innovative group. Diversity with regard to geography, age, gender, background, fields of interest as well as in the ways in which the candidates are engaged in the issues at hand will be taken in to account. The selected applicants will be notified in the beginning of May.

## 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.](#)

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\* Suspended from the BSPC since [March 12, 2022](#).