

BSSSC

Spring Youth Event



08.05.–13.05. 2026
Helsinki / Tallinn



Theme	The Resilient Youth Edition - BSSSC Spring Youth Event
Dates	8-13 May 2026
Locations	Helsinki, Finland and Tallinn, Estonia
Tallinn focus	BSSSC Day of Cities and Regions and the EUSBSR Annual Forum 2026
Main venues	Hotel Helka (Helsinki), West Terminal 2, Kultuurikatel (Tallinn)

Programme note: The Tallinn agenda below follows the current official preliminary programme for the BSSSC Day of Cities and Regions and the EUSBSR Annual Forum. Final timings and speaker line-up may still change.

Travel note: For the Helsinki-Tallinn ferry, please carry a passport or national ID and plan to reach West Terminal 2 in good time. Passenger registration closes 30 minutes before departure.

Programme at a glance

Only organised programme items are timed below. Hotel breakfasts are assumed where included in accommodation.

Day 1 Friday, 8 May Helsinki		
Hotel Helka, Pohjoinen Rautatiekatu 23, 00100 Helsinki		
Time	Programme	Details
16:00	Arrival and hotel reception	Hotel Helka, Pohjoinen Rautatiekatu 23, 00100 Helsinki +358 9 613580
17:00-19:30	Introduction to the programme and regional presentations	Participant Pecha Kucha presentations of their regions
20:00	Group dinner	

Day 2 Saturday, 9 May Helsinki		
Time	Programme	Details
09:00-10:30	Keynote and discussion: Baltic environmental challenges	Rüdiger Stempel, Executive Secretary, HELCOM (invited)
11:00-12:30	Artificial intelligence and the Baltic youth: challenges and opportunities	Justus August, BSSSC Youth Board Deputy and BSYP Member
13:00-14:00	Lunch	
14:30-16:00	Workshop: Youth resilience and participation in the Baltic Sea Region	With Nuorisoala - The Finnish National Youth Council and Youth Sector (invited)
16:00-19:00	Visit to Helsinki Central Library Oodi and free time	
20:00	Group dinner	

Day 3 | Sunday, 10 May | Helsinki to Tallinn

Time	Programme	Details
09:00-10:30	Intercultural perspectives	Workshop by Kamile and Viktoria from Klaipeda Region
11:00-12:30	Mental health in times of crisis: strategies and practical approaches	Workshop by Elena and Miro
13:00-14:00	Lunch	
14:30-15:15	Wrap-up	
15:15-15:45	Transfer to West Terminal 2	Tallink Silja Line terminal, Tyynenmerenkatu 14, Helsinki
15:45-16:00	Check-in and boarding	Passenger registration closes 30 minutes before departure
16:30-18:30	Ferry to Tallinn	Tallink Silja Line
18:30-19:30	Arrival in Tallinn and hotel check-in	Hotel Bern, Aia 10, 10111 Tallinn
20:00	Group dinner	

Tallinn orientation: From Monday onwards, the main venue is Kultuurikatel, Kursi 3, Tallinn 10415. The forum programme remains preliminary and may still be updated before the event.

Day 4 | Monday, 11 May | Tallinn

BSSSC Day of Cities and Regions | Kultuurikatel, Kursi 3, Tallinn 10415

Time	Programme	Details
From 11:00	Registration	
12:00-13:00	Networking lunch	
13:00-13:15	Opening and icebreaker	
13:15-13:30	Welcome address	
13:30-13:50	Keynote speech 1	Securing the Baltic's lifelines: the role of cities and regions in times of geopolitical uncertainty
13:50-14:10	Keynote speech 2	Economic resilience and competitiveness of cities and regions in a changing Baltic Sea Region
14:10-14:20	Call for action	Cultural Pearls and RESCOM
14:20-15:15	Panel discussion	Cities and regions on the frontline: practical actions for building security, resilience and competitiveness
15:15-15:25	Call for action	Energy Islands
15:25-15:40	Coffee break	
15:40-17:10	Deep-dive policy lab	Co-hosted with the Interreg Baltic Sea Region Managing Authority / Joint Secretariat
17:10-17:15	Technical break	
17:15-17:30	Call for action	ClimaResponse and RESIST
17:30-17:45	Endorsement and closing words	
18:00-21:00	Meet & Greet by the City of Tallinn	Cauldron Hall, Kultuurikatel Welcome drinks and light snacks
21:00 onwards	Optional individual dinner / free evening	

Day 5 | Tuesday, 12 May | Tallinn

EUSBSR Annual Forum 2026 - Day 1 | The Resilience Edition

Time	Programme	Details
08:00-09:00	Registration and morning coffee	Kultuurikatel, Kursi 3, Tallinn 10415
09:00-09:10	Forum opening and setting the scene	
09:10-09:30	Welcome address	
09:30-10:00	Keynote speech	
10:00	Plenary session 1	Security and geopolitical uncertainties
10:45-11:15	Coffee break and networking	
11:15-12:45	Parallel breakout sessions, 1st block	
12:45-14:00	Lunch and networking	
14:00-15:00	Plenary session 2	Climate change and environment of the Baltic Sea
15:00-15:15	Technical break	
15:15-16:15	Parallel breakout sessions, 2nd block	
16:15-16:30	Technical break	
16:30-16:45	First day wrap-up	
17:00-19:00	Free time	
19:00-21:30	Reception hosted by the Estonian Ministry of Foreign Affairs	Port of Tallinn Cruise Terminal, Logi tn 4/2

Day 6 | Wednesday, 13 May | Tallinn

EUSBSR Annual Forum 2026 - Day 2 | Kultuurikatel

Time	Programme	Details
09:00-10:00	Plenary session 3	Demographic shifts and regional competitiveness
10:00-10:15	Technical break	
10:15-11:15	Parallel breakout sessions, 3rd block	
11:15-11:45	Coffee break and networking	
11:45-13:15	Plenary session 4	Governance, implementation and financing
13:15-13:30	Closing words	
13:30-14:30	Farewell lunch	
15:00	Departure	

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