



# BALTIC YOUTH WAVES FOR DEMOCRACY 2025

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GDAŃSK/SOPOT, POLAND

## Position Paper

### Preface

The Baltic Youth Waves for Democracy 2025 stands as a collective call to action from the young generation of the Baltic Sea Region—voices united by a shared vision of democracy, participation, and innovation in a rapidly changing world.

Held from 26–30 October 2025 in Gdańsk and Sopot, Poland, alongside the EUSBSR Annual Forum and the BSSSC Annual Conference, this initiative brought together youth delegates, policymakers, and experts from across the region to explore how digital transformation can strengthen democratic resilience and regional cooperation.

This position paper is the outcome of months of dialogue, collaboration, and learning—beginning with preparatory webinars and culminating in an intensive on-site co-creation process. It builds upon the foundations laid by the CBSS Youth Ministerial 2025 on Digitalisation, draws inspiration from the [#b\_hack] Hackathon 2025 in Lübeck, and contributes to the priorities of the CBSS, the EUSBSR and the BSSSC.

At its heart, Baltic Youth Waves for Democracy embodies a belief in meaningful youth participation—not as a symbolic gesture, but as a driving force for innovation and sustainable governance. The perspectives and proposals presented here reflect the diversity, creativity, and commitment of young people determined to shape the Baltic Sea Region's democratic and digital future.

This paper represents both a contribution and an invitation: a contribution to ongoing regional policy processes, and an invitation to policymakers, institutions, and civil society to engage in intergenerational cooperation. By amplifying youth voices and ideas, we aim to strengthen not only the democratic fabric of our region but also the trust and solidarity that bind us across borders.

**Together, we are the Baltic Youth Waves—shaping democracy for the digital age.**



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### AI

- Properly educate young people to navigate in the future job market and / or assuring the right to be trained and getting new skills that can ensure that they can keep a job in the company
- Making environmental scores for AI to easily visualise how much damage it can do to the environment
- Educate the youth in understanding disinformation, identity theft and deepfakes
- Demand better restriction on the use of other people's intellectual property
- Baltic AI Youth Act - where young activists, policymakers and companies come together and discuss AI policies
- Discuss the use of AI in the military / Discuss ethical questions about the use of AI / Drones on the battlefield
- Heat use, using it for heating and move it to other regions.
- Making environmental scores for AI to easily visualize how much damage it can do to the environment

### Security

1. Enhancing local preparedness across digital, ecological, and infrastructural domains through a series of workshops designed to inform and train individuals on effective crisis response and management.

2. Promoting knowledge-sharing by establishing a network of regional expert hubs to provide mutual support and coordinated action during crisis situations.



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### Environmental Sustainability

#### Heat islands

To counter urban heat islands and increase the quality of life for the citizens, cities should invest in greening, fresh air corridors, shaded and water-rich areas, and avoid dark surfaces. The construction industry must adopt alternative and recycled materials to reduce heat and emissions.

#### Sea dumped ammunition

We are concerned about the huge amount of sea-dumped ammunition in the Baltic Sea, hence we support the creation of an international organization targeting the removal of said ammunition. We want to especially stress the importance of an international cooperation in order to gain access to as many resources as possible.

### Democracy

#### 1. Include democracy education in school curricula

Teaching democratic values, rights and responsibilities from an early age helps build active and informed citizens.

#### 2. Increase governmental funding for civic initiatives

For example, support simulation games that help young people understand and engage in decision making processes - or opening political institutions for the public/youth - European Youth Event.

#### 3. Ensure equal access to opportunities for youth in rural areas.

This includes educational, cultural, and political participation opportunities to prevent regional disparities in democratic engagement.



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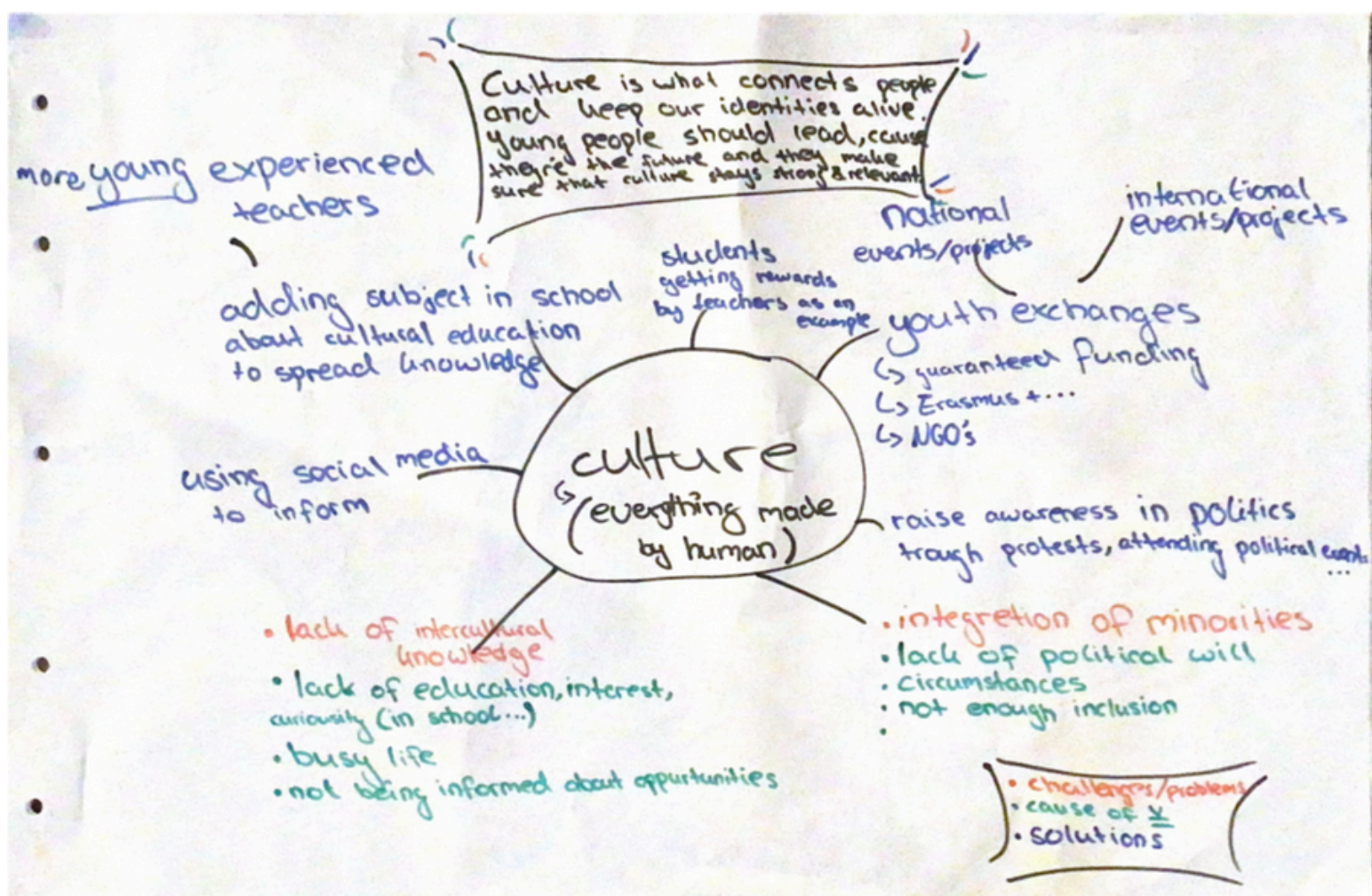


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