

Youth Plenary – Echoes of tomorrow: young minds cooperating for the future

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The session was designed by young people coming from different regions of Europe.

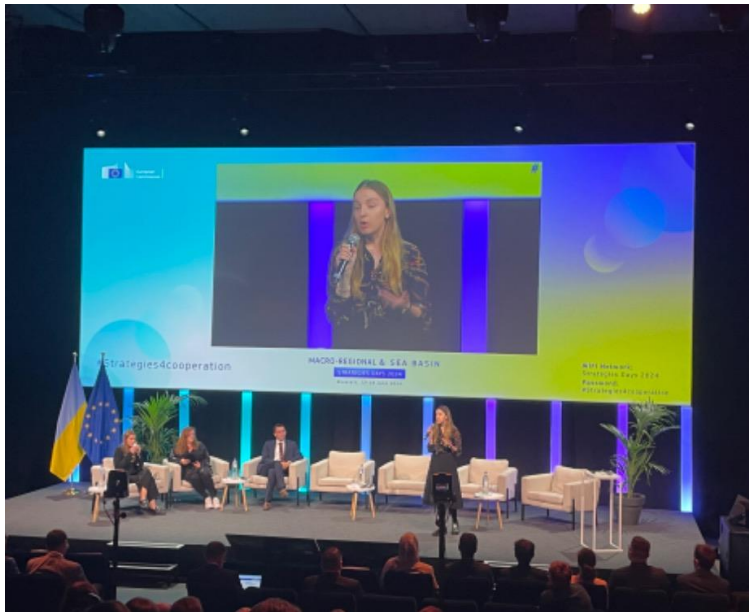
➤ Tom Matzen and Paula Moskal

Tom and Paula, from Baltic Sea Youth Forum, focused on the theme ‘Youth vs. disinformation’. They presented examples of fake news and provided meaning of fake news (= manipulation for personal, economical, or political reason). Fake news can dangerously affect public opinion (= challenges that not only young people face) and we need to help young people how to think critically.



➤ Dafina Peci

Dafina, from National Youth Congress of Albania, presented to the participants that migration is not only because of economic reasons, but it can be because of the security, because of lacking the future of the country or because parents want better future for their children. She raised some crucial questions: ‘If everybody leaves the country, how will it look like?’ or ‘How to create an environment to take young people back?’ And she also suggested we have to educate youth to make good policy and to understand there is no better place than homeland.



➤ **Philip Tudor and Pejo Bosnic**

Philip and Pejo, from Youth Council for the Danube Macro-regional Strategy, presented their view on cross-border education and its challenges. They indicated 4 main issues: 1. Brain drain, 2. Equity and access, 3. Language barriers and 4. Quality assurance. Pejo also spoke about his homeland country, Bosnia and Hercegovina, that it is very hard for students of Bosnia and Hercegovina, if the diploma needs to be recognized in EU countries. He has also been studying in Croatia and diploma from this country is easily recognized in EU. He thinks reforms are needed.



➤ **Cosima Rudigier and Killian Foloppe**

Cosima and Killian are from the Youth Council for the Alpine Macro-regional Strategy. They come from the region directly affected by climate change: temperature is increasing, snow is melting or there is no snow at all. Cosima asked herself how she can help to keep tourism alive, because her family business is based on tourism. She (and other youth) indicated that there must be better cooperation with stakeholders and new projects must be prepared. They want to deal how to improve the situation for the winter, but they also want to be prepared in case of no snow – to do sports and other activities without snow. Process is still ongoing.



➤ **Maysara Abdelkarim and Pablo Pastor Vidal**

Maysara and Pablo, from Mediterranean Youth Council, talked about the issue of conflict in The Mediterranean region. They also presented one question: ‘How is our generation supposed to achieve future sustainable development when we cannot have peace, when the first expectation we have when we deal with each other is to be hated or discriminated?’

