

Welcoming remarks for the conference

Young European Horizons – in the wake of the European Parliament elections

In a changing world, Europe's democratic voice will come into its own right in 2024, in a world of increasing polarisation, war in Europe and a reinforcement of the political trenches, which divide the political landscape.

In the European Union, all EU citizens should be heard and listened to, but especially the young people who will shape our future. How do we strengthen our Union at a time characterised by both external and internal threats to our European community? At the MEP BSR session in Copenhagen 2024 the following topics will be discussed:

- Climate change and its implications
- Security challenges in the Baltic Sea Region
- Nationalism versus globalism
- Young people in political life
- Digital skills

In the wake of the European Parliament elections newly elected politicians will hopefully be listening carefully to the results of the conference and include young people in their work. Together we will strengthen the pillars that will carry our European Union through the next generation.

On behalf of the presidency, I welcome you to a constructive and enjoyable week in Copenhagen.

Magnus T. Rømer President

