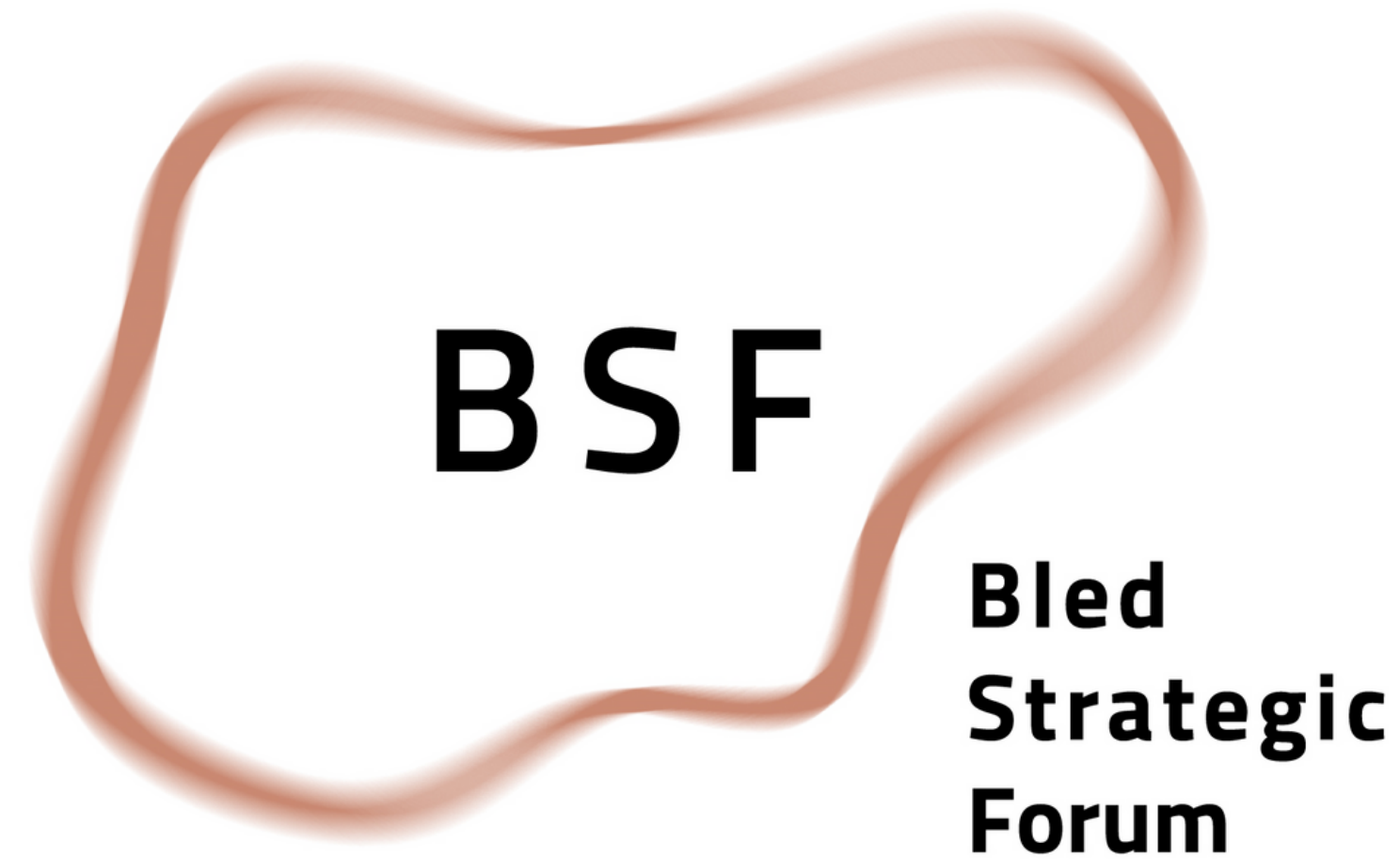


# Priority Area 10 Steering Group meeting

6th and 7th June 2023, Belgrade





- annual **conference** devoted to all stakeholders (decision makers, academia, private sector, civil society and youth...
- In the year 2023 organised in it's 18th edition under the title Solidarity for global Security
- Organised between 28-29th of August, at Bled Slovenia



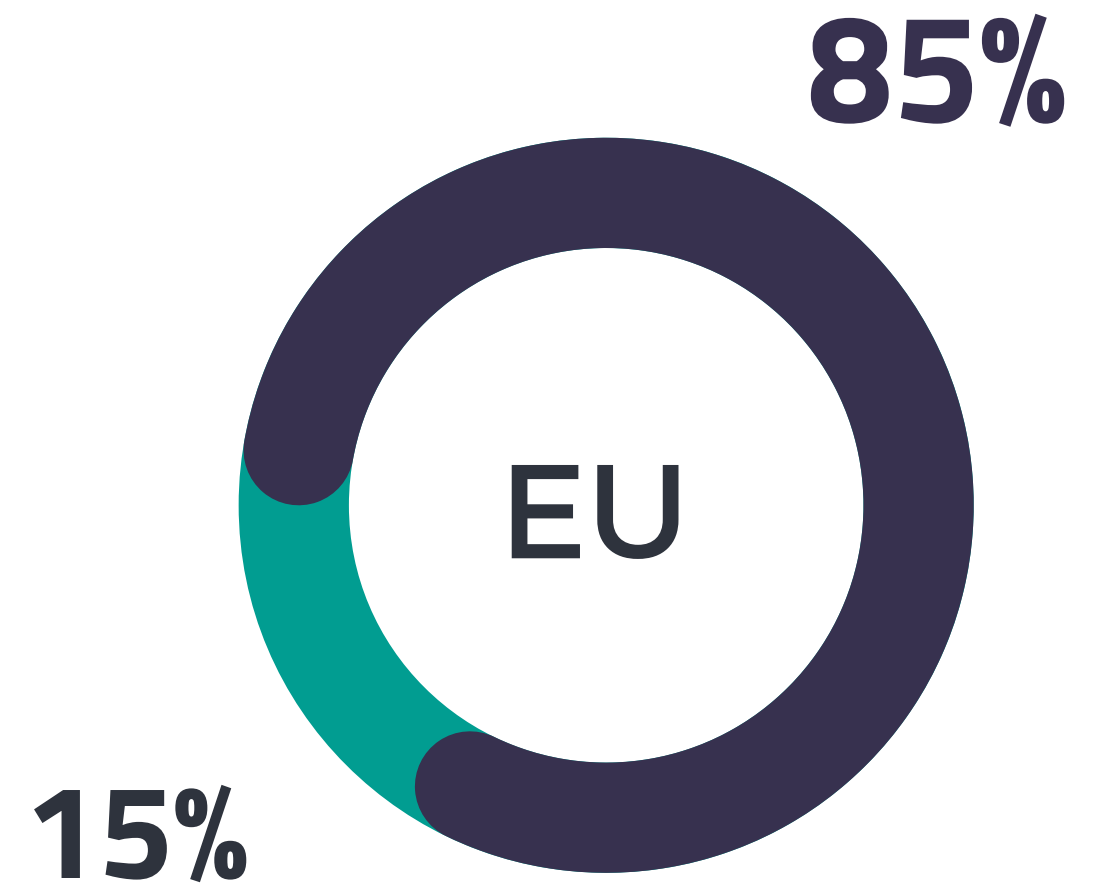
# Young Bled Strategic Forum

# What is Young BSF?

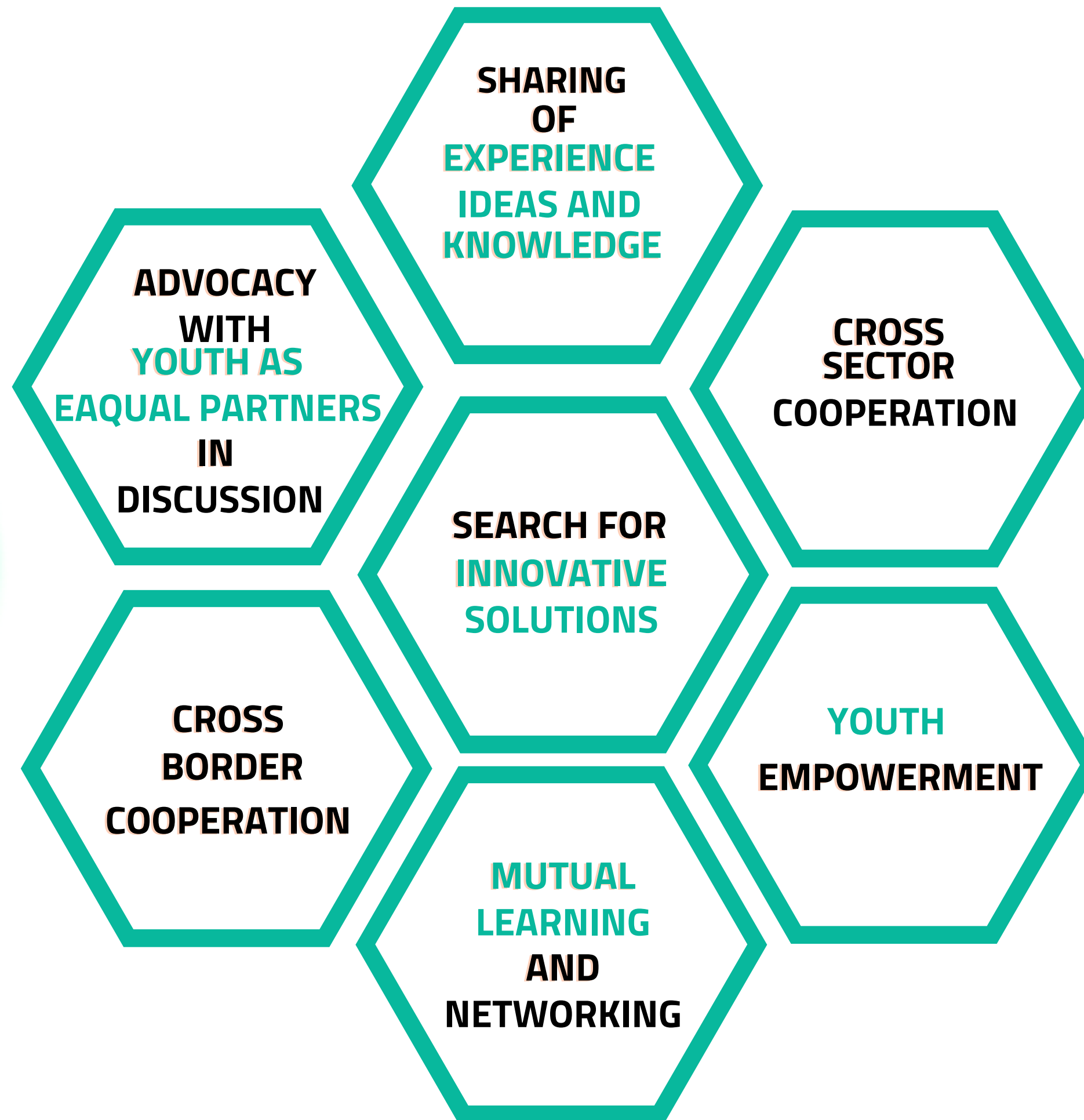
- annual **conference and training** devoted to young leaders aged 18 to 35 from the region and world
- **platform for cooperation** among young people, decision-makers, academia, private sector, entrepreneurs and other stakeholders within our societies, that enables the exchange of best practices and joint approaches to the identification of challenges
- **inseparable part of the Bled Strategic Forum platform**, as the biggest conference in South East and Central Europe.
- **crossroad of new ideas and accelerator of change**

# Challenges of Youth

- Young people aged between 15 and 29 years form a representative group within our societies (an estimated 15% by the year 2050)
- Active participation of young people and attention to their recommendations is not ensured at all stages within our societies and in all institutions
- Gaining formal and informal experience represents an important opportunity for young people in the process of gaining skills and their overall competitiveness in the job market



Source: Eurostat



**Young BSF  
implements its  
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Young BSF strives to provide opportunities for young people through dialogue with decision-makers, experts from different fields and their active participation in society.

# Dialogue with youth as equal partners in discussion

# Active engagement of youth in the scope of training activities and events

Young BSF supports the organisation of activities in a format that puts young people, their knowledge and creativity at the forefront. The events can be distinguished from classical panel discussions and lectures, enabling cooperation among young people, trainers and guest experts.





The challenges of today are not limited to geographical boundaries. As a result, solution-building requires cooperation across national borders and fields of expertise (through a multilogue of decision-makers, civil society, academia, private sector, youth and other stakeholders). **Young BSF strives for the creation of open spaces that bridges borders and divisions, building on joint solutions for joint challenges.**



## Cross-border and cross-sector cooperation

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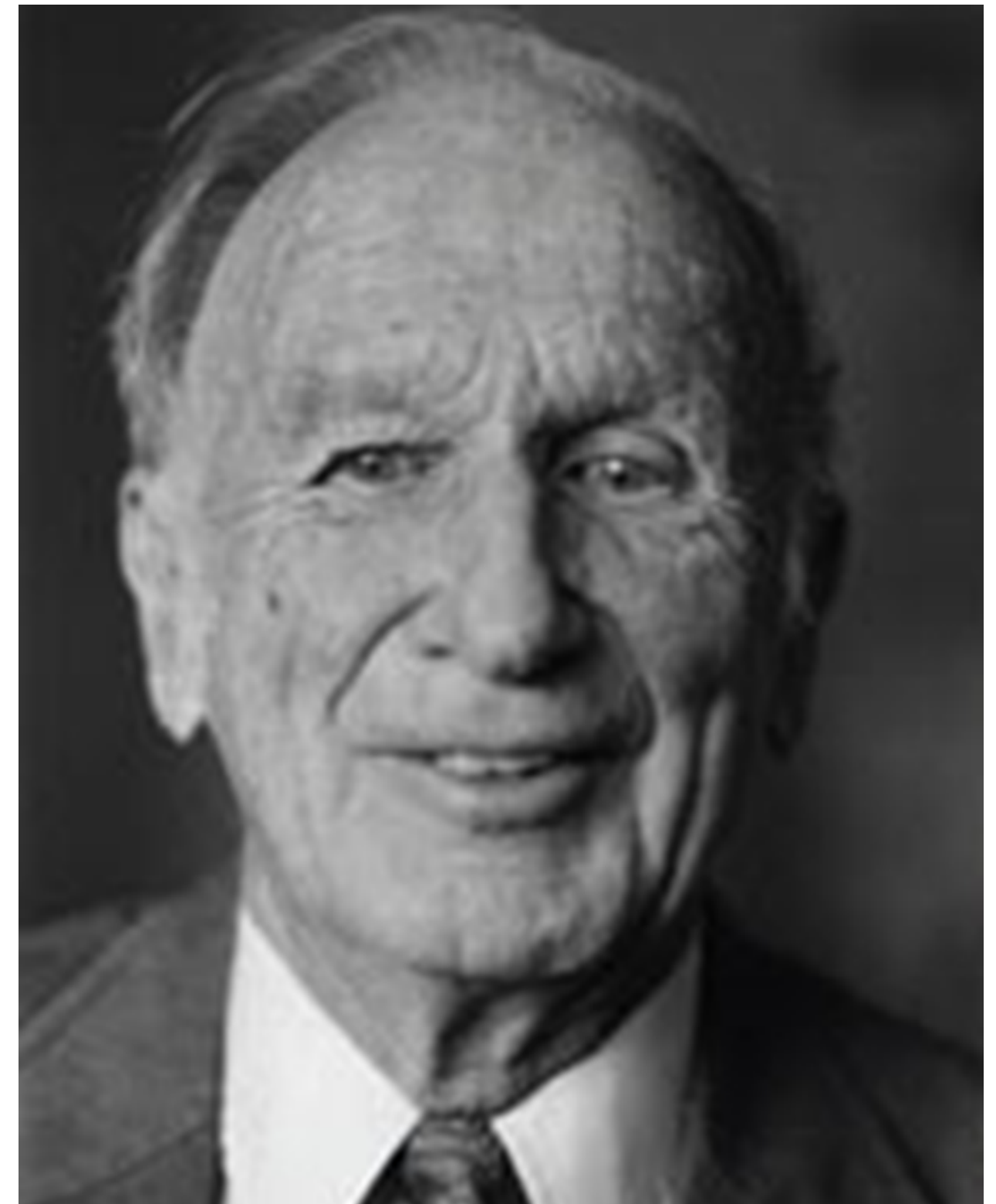
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# The Butterfly Effect


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**EDWARD NORTON LORENZ**



# Guiding principles of the Young BSF 2023:



- 1.Sensitive Dependence Upon Initial Conditions (Understanding our initial conditions):
  - 2.Empowering a flutter:
  - 3.Dependable forecasts for the long-range
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# 1. Sensitive Dependence Upon Initial Conditions (Understanding our initial conditions):



- Focusing on lessons within our shared history that should not be forgotten (contributing to important good practices on reconciliation, peacebuilding, and peacekeeping)
- Discovering how narratives we believe, trust (and produce) in the past and today hold the momentum of initial conditions for the future.
- Developing capacities through media literacy and critical thinking, that build resilience towards misinformation and disinformation within our societies.
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## 2. Empowering a flutter:



- Focusing on capacity building in the field of active citizenship, media literacy, public speaking, resilience against disinformation and other skillsets, that create the toolbox of individual future leaders as well as the capacity of our societies as a whole.
- Developing understanding of effects technological advancement and innovation (AI, new media) hold in the creation of future professions and required skills.
- Supporting equal opportunities within our societies (with special attention to the empowerment of young generations and female leaders), countering discrimination and contributing to tolerance building.

# 3. Dependable forecasts for the long-range



- Focusing on discussions that contribute to the creation of comprehensive long-term goals and benchmarks and discovering how the actions of stakeholders today contribute to their realisation.
  - Focusing on long-term commitments of our communities in connection to processes of digitalisation, the green agenda, the creation of sustainable international security and other international challenges/opportunities.
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# Young BSF 2023 thematic focus

- The 12th edition of the Young BSF was inspired by the work of the mathematician and meteorologist Edward N. Lorenz, whose life work includes the development of the **butterfly effect theory**, also coined within the metaphor "**When a butterfly flutters its wings in one part of the world, it can cause or prevent a hurricane in another**"
- The theme of the event focuses on the responsibility, opportunity and privilege of every stakeholder within our societies that can, with small and decisive actions, cause change within our interconnected and interdependent global world.
- The title and core focus of the event represents a framework for activation, inspiration for responsible thinking, encouragement of cooperation and tolerance building, the search for joint solutions in the short and long term and the overall empowerment of youth.

# Open call for the Young BSF



- **Age:** Accepting applicants aged 18 to 35 years.
  - **Field of profession:** Accepting all students and young Accademia representatives, young employed professionals, NGO representatives and civil society members (active citizens on the local, national and international level), young members of public administration and governmental institutions, members of international organisations, social entrepreneurs, representatives of private sector and commerce and all other inspiring young future leaders.
  - **Geographical scope:** The region, EU and globally (with accommodation and sustenance during the Young BSF and BSF for all selected participants, and travel grants discussed on each participant separately to allow equal opportunities for participation depending on available resources).
  - **Inclusivity:** Young BSF supports diversity and condemns discrimination on the basis of any feature, striving towards inclusivity and equal opportunities, regardless of gender, nationality, ethnicity or other backgrounds.
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- **The [Bled Strategic Forum](#) and [Young Bled Strategic Forum](#) webpage**
- **Young BSF Social media: [Instagram](#)**
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