### Organised by: City of Coulaines

### Partners:
Maison de l'Europe Le Mans-Sarthe/Europe Direct

### Date and time of the event:
1 April 2022 – 18:00-19:30

### Event type:
Physical

### Location(s) of event
Espace culturel Henri Salvador, Coulaines

### Total number of participants:
70

### Type of participants:
Citizens

### Name of CoR Members participating:
Christophe Rouillon, President of the PES Group in the European Committee of the Regions

### Name(s) of representatives from other EU institutions
Adina Revol, Spokesperson of the Representation of the European Commission in France

### Conference on the Future of Europe theme(s) covered during the event:
- Climate change and the environment
- A stronger economy, social justice and jobs
- EU in the world
- Values and rights, rule of law, security
- European democracy

### Recommendations/conclusions from the debate:
1) Local projects are crucial and EU funding allows maintaining or creating jobs at a local level. For instance, it makes it possible to relocate companies. Many local projects benefit from EU’s recovery plan.

2) The strength of the EU is its European market. There should be a strategic autonomy in the long term, including in the field of energy.

3) EU’s Common Agricultural Policy and Cohesion Policy make the EU the 2nd largest global economic power. Fighting food waste is a priority in these times of war. So is energy saving.
4) We need to develop a European military defence and safeguard against cyber-attacks that also exist.

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<th>Other relevant messages expressed by citizens or speakers during the event:</th>
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<td>● Where do we stand with the setting up of a European defense?</td>
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<td>● What is the place and power of EU Member States in NATO?</td>
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<td>● When will nations' right of veto be abolished in the validation of European projects? More proportional voting is needed.</td>
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<td>● Is European sovereignty possible? Will we ever have some United States of Europe?</td>
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Hyperlinks to web / press / social media coverage: https://twitter.com/Coulaines/status/1511358005270368262?s=20&t=9aqHT3CiNqaUhgO8TAapw