

Report of Conference on the Future of Europe Talk
organised by CoR Member **Miloslav Repaský** (Slovakia, EA)

Youth and the Future of Europe



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Partners	Presov Region, Levocia city, Europe Direct from Presov
Date and time of the event	8 September 2022
Event type	Onsite
Location(s) of event	Congress Hall Námestie Majstra Pavla 54, 054 01 LEVOČA, Presov Region, Slovakia
Total number of participants	Cir. 50
Type of participants	Students, local and regional politicians and fonctionnaires
Name of CoR Members participating	Mr Karl Vanlouwe, EA Group President Mr Dariusz Strugala, EA Vicepresident Mr Emil Draghici, EA Bureau Member Ms Cosmina Pandeale, EA Cor Alternate Member Mr Krzysztof Iwaniuk, CoR Member Mr Mirosław Lech, CoR Alternate Member
Name(s) of representatives from other EU institutions	PhD Matúš Žac - EU and JA. What does the EU offer to young people (Europe Direct Prešov) PhDr Róbert Király - European Year of Youth 2022 (Europe Direct Prešov)
Name(s) of national ministers participating	Ing Miroslav Vilkovský, mayor of Levoča PhDr Milan Majerský, Chairman of the Prešov self-governing region Mgr Ján Furman, Head of the education department in the Presov Region
Conference on the Future of Europe theme(s) covered during the event	Education, culture, youth and sport

<p>Recommendations / conclusions from the debate</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> On 7-8 September 2022, members of the EA Bureau of the Committee of the Regions in Brussels took part in a study visit to Spiš in the Prešov self-governing region. The topic of the visit was Involvement of the young generation in democratic life in Levoča, Slovakia. EA visited Spišské Podhradie and its surroundings, cultural monuments listed in the UNESCO cultural heritage, Pedagogical Secondary School in Levoča, Secondary Sports School in Poprad and School of Art Industry in Kežmark. Rafting in the Pieniny National Park and a tour of Levoča showed the beauty and possibilities of the region. The conference (8.09.2022) culminated in an interactive discussion in the Congress Hall of the Municipal Theater in Levoča in the presence of high school students. Organisers are glad that representatives from so many countries understand the need to work with students, because they are our future. They are the way to build a stronger EU. EA Chairman Karl Vanlouwe emphasized the need to realize the European identity and create strong bonds, especially in times of wars and crises, when these bonds provide us with security and stability. EA Vice President Dariusz Strugala highlighted the importance of education and praised the activity and tangible results of the youth. It is therefore absolutely necessary to support and develop this potential, because school is a place where personality is formed. PSK Chairman Milan Majerský, Levoča Mayor Miroslav Vilkovský, PSK Education Department Head Ján Furman and other members of the Committee of Regions also contributed their thoughts. The representatives of Prešov University in Prešov gave the conference a professional dimension thanks to a modern interactive mobile application. The conference on cross-border cooperation, the local cultural heritage of smaller towns and villages, but especially on the involvement of youth in democratic life was beneficial in many ways for all participants. The year 2022 is the European Year of Youth, so the conference in such a format was really justified.
<p>Hyperlinks to web / press / social media coverage</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> https://twitter.com/EA_CoR/status/1567807520315424772?t=but_A8jlLOH0SmHQr3ltSg&s=08 https://web.cor.europa.eu/ea/News/Pages/EA-Bureau-Members-in-Levo%C4%8Da,-Slovakia-to-discuss-engaging-youth-in-the-democratic-life-and-local-cultural-heritage.aspx https://youtu.be/rWSMN_uNDvY



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We must ensure that citizens' feedback is turned into policy which actively promotes youth participation in the democratic life, be that through schools, social media or traditional channels," said [@KarlVanlouwe](#) during local dialogue in Levoča 🇸🇰 organised by Mr Miloslav Repaský

