**Report of Conference on the Future of Europe Talk**
organised by CoR Member **Mieczysław Struk** (Poland, EPP)

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<td>Partners:</td>
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<td>Date and time of the event:</td>
<td>23 March 2022, 10:00 – 12:00</td>
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<td>Location(s) of event</td>
<td>Gdansk, Pomorskie Region, PL</td>
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<td>Total number of participants:</td>
<td>150</td>
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<td>students, teachers and headmasters of high schools, members of academia, local and regional authorities and administration, NGOs</td>
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| Name of CoR Members participating: | Mieczysław Struk  
Aleksandra Dulkiewicz |
| Name(s) of representatives from other EU institutions | Małgorzata Kozłowska (European Commission) |
| Name(s) of Young Elected Politicians (YEPs) participating: | Kamila Błaszczyk (Gdansk City Counsellor) |
| Conference on the Future of Europe theme(s) covered during the event: | Climate change and the environment  
EU in the world  
Values and rights, rule of law, security  
European democracy  
Migration  
Education, culture, youth and sport |
| Permanent Dialogue Mechanism: | It’s crucial to introduce in European schools programs preparing young people to analyse media, social media and other sources of information in order to **counter disinformation**  
In parallel, a specific programmes aimed at building and developing **peace and fighting hate speech** (as well as other hate actions) should be introduced. Schools in Gdansk already have **pedagogy of peace** introduced in their curricula |
Efforts cannot be spared in **building volunteering community** based on solidarity and flexibility. Active volunteering community helps in developing **resilient society**, able to react quickly and efficiently to various **crisis**, such as the one Poland currently experiences with an unprecedented influx of Ukrainian refugees fleeing the Russian aggression.

Poland lacks systemic approach to **mental wellbeing of young people** – this needs to be handled urgently.

**Digital competences** combined with **strong European values** are key in building healthy, inclusive society – this should be further anchored in school curricula.

**Other relevant messages expressed by citizens or speakers during the event:**

- **Youth Council in the City of Gdansk** is very active in promoting mental wellbeing among young people
- **YEP programme** allows to exchange experiences, visions and create connections across Europe. It’s an invaluable learning experience promoting solidarity and European way of life

**Hyperlinks to web / press / social media coverage:**

- [https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=VicwqvK3Izo](https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=VicwqvK3Izo) (recording of the event)

**Hyperlinks to pictures:**

[https://www.dropbox.com/sh/qk2qvw0jznegwie/AAAlqUQ8wu4eiS6NwEaN6l-fa?dl=0](https://www.dropbox.com/sh/qk2qvw0jznegwie/AAAlqUQ8wu4eiS6NwEaN6l-fa?dl=0)