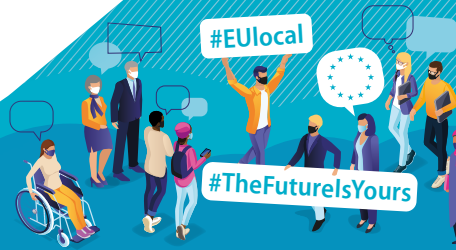




European Committee
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Conference
on the **Future**
of **Europe**



Regions and Cities launch the Conference on the Future of Europe

Strasbourg | Sunday 9 May 2021 | 11:00-13:00

The Conference on the Future of Europe: an opportunity to build together the “European House of Democracy” on the foundations of its regions, cities and villages

Moderator:

Rebecca Donauer, journalist, ARTE

11:00-11:15

Introduction

Introduction by **Jeanne Barseghian**, Mayor of Strasbourg and 1st Vice-President of the Eurometropolis of Strasbourg and **André Viola**, President of the French delegation to the European Committee of the Regions, Member of the Aude Departmental Council

11:15-12:00

Panel 1: Engaging in local dialogue with citizens for a more resilient Europe

Videos of citizens expressing their vision for the future of Europe

Debate among speakers:

Apostolos Tzitzikostas, President of the European Committee of the Regions, Governor of the Region of Central Macedonia, Greece

Dubravka Šuica, Vice-President of the European Commission, Commissioner for Democracy and Demography

Ana Paula Zacarias, Portuguese Secretary of State for European Affairs

The contribution of the future French Presidency:

Joël Giraud, Minister of State for Rural Affairs, attached to the Minister for Territorial Cohesion and Relations with Local Government

Jean Rottner, President of the Grand Est Region, Representative of the French Regions

Frédéric Bierry, President of the European Collectivity of Alsace

François Baroin, President of the Association of Mayors of France, Mayor of Troyes

The contribution of EU territorial associations:

Stefano Bonaccini, President of the Council of European Municipalities and Regions (CEMR),
President of the Emilia Romagna region

12:00-12:50 Panel 2: Strengthening democratic legitimacy: a Conference for and with citizens - the contribution of the European Committee of the Regions

Videos of citizens expressing their vision for the future of Europe

Debate among speakers:

Eva Maydell, President of the International European Movement, Member of the European Parliament

Silja Markkula, President of the European Youth Forum

Olgierd Geblewicz, President of the EPP Group in the European Committee of the Regions,
President of the Western Pomerania Region

Christophe Rouillon, President of the PES Group in the European Committee of the Regions,
Mayor of Coullaines

François Decoster, President of the Renew Europe Group in the European Committee of the Regions,
Mayor of Saint-Omer

Władysław Ortyl, President of the ECR Group in the European Committee of the Regions,
President of the Podkarpackie Region

Kieran McCarthy, President of the EA Group in the European Committee of the Regions,
Member of Cork City Council

Ms Satu Haapanen, Co-Chair of the Greens Group in the European Committee of the Regions,
Member of Oulu City Council

12:50-13:00 Conclusion

Closing remarks by **Vasco Alves Cordeiro**, First Vice-President of the CoR and Member of the Regional Parliament of the Azores

Important information:

- **Place:** *Strasbourg City Hall, Grand Salon*
- **Web-streaming platforms:** *Europe by Satellite (EN, FR, DE, IT, ES, PL) and Facebook (original language)*
- **Interpretation:** *FR, EN, DE, IT, ES, PL*
- **Website of the event:** <https://cor.europa.eu/en/events/Pages/europe-day-2021-regions-and-cities.aspx>