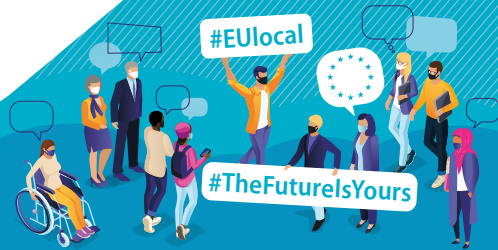




European Committee  
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Conference  
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# Regions and Cities launch the Conference on the Future of Europe

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

#### *European Anthem*

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

Pre-recorded videos of citizens from civil society, academic, economic or cultural spheres answering: *What is the Conference on the Future of Europe? What is citizens' place in the EU? The future of Europe in three words?*

#### 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

**Guy Verhofstadt**, Co-Chair of the Executive Committee of the Conference on the Future of Europe

**Ana Paula Zacarias**, Portuguese Secretary of State for European Affairs

#### The contribution of the future French Presidency:

**Jacqueline Gourault**, Minister for Territorial Cohesion and Relations with Local Government

**Renaud Muselier**, President of the French Regions, President of the Provence-Alpes-Côte d'Azur Region

**Frédéric Bierry**, President of the European Collectivity of Alsace

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

### Contribution of a European association:

**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

Pre-recorded videos of citizens from civil society, academic, economic or cultural spheres answering: *What is the Conference on the Future of Europe? What is citizens' place in the EU? The future of Europe in three words?*

### 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 Coulaines

**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*
- **Platform:** *Zoom*
- **Web-streaming platforms:** *Europe by Satellite, YouTube, Facebook*
- **Interpretation:** *FR, EN, DE, IT, ES, PL*