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

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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