Results, follow-up and the role of regions and cities

Wolfgang Petzold, Committee of the Regions
24 June 2022
Future of Europe: positions and agendas

2015
June: The Five President’s Report: Completing Europe’s Economic and Monetary Union

2017

2018
Oct: EP vision on the future of Europe

2019
Feb: EP Resolution on the future of Europe
May: Leaders’ Agenda 2019-2024

2020
15 Jan: Position on the Conference
24 June: Position on the Conference
Dec: Joint Conclusions on policy objectives and priorities 2020-2024

2021
9 May 2021-April 2022 (tbc): Conference on the Future of Europe

2021

Own presentation (Oct. 2021)
Conference on the Future of Europe: results and follow-up

- Resolution of the EP (15 January 2020)
- Communication of the European Commission (22 January 2020)
- Position of the Council (24 June 2020, re. 3 Feb 2021)
- German-French Non-Paper (December 2019)
- Launch 9 May in Strasbourg
- Joint Declaration (10 March 2021)

Digital Platform

- European Citizens’ Panels
  - national, regional and local citizens’ panels

- Plenary Session

European Parliament:
Resolution on Treaty change, 9 June

Council of the EU/European Council:
Technical assessment on 10 June, Conclusions 23/24 June

European Commission:
Communication 17 June, „State of the Union“, 14 Sept.

- German Presidency January-June 2020
- Portuguese Presidency January-June 2021
- Slovenian Presidency July-December 2021
- French Presidency January-June 2022
- Czech Presidency July-December 2022

Croatian Presidency January-June 2020
Conference on the Future of Europe: organisation and topics

**Joint Presidency:** Presidents of EP, Council and European Commission

**Executive Board:** 3 representatives + 4 observers each of EP, Council, Commission
observers: CoR, EESC, social partners

**Conference Plenary**

- 450 members of whom: members of EP und national parliaments (108 each), Council/government representatives (54), European Commission (3), citizens (108), EESC/CoR (18), 12 local and regional representatives*, social partners (12)*, civil society organisations (8)

**Europ. Citizens’ Panels**

- four panels of 200 citizens each, randomly selected, representative of the EU sociological diversity, degressive-proportional according to national population, 1/3 between 16 and 25 years old

**Topics**

- climate change and the environment;
- health;
- a strong economy, social justice and jobs;
- EU in the world;
- values and rights, rule of law, security;
- digital transformation;
- European democracy;
- migration;
- education, culture, youth and sport;
- other ideas

**Digital Platform**

- national, regional, local citizens’ panels;
- individual citizens;
- civil society organisations

Source: Rules of Procedure (11 May 2021), *changes on 19 July
Conference on the Future of Europe: Plenary

- Citizens of the European Panels (80)
- Members of the European Parliament (108)
- Members of national parliaments (108)
- Government representatives/Council of the EU (54)
- European Commission (3)
- Citizens of the National Panels (27)
- European Youth Forum (1)
- CoR, EESC (18 each)
- Local and regional representatives (12)
- Social partner organisations (12)
- Civil society organisations (8)
- 450 members
CoR+FR associations, Strasbourg, 9 May 2021

CoR Barometer 12 Oct 2021

9th CoR Summit of Regions and Cities, 3-4 March 2022

Resolution 29 June

CoR activities during the Conference

**CoR members**
- 18 CoR members in the Plenary and the President in the Executive Board (observer);
- upon CoR proposal: 12 additional local and regional politicians in the Plenary.

**CoR bodies**
- debates during sessions of the CoR Plenary, the Commissions, and the Bureau;
- debates by the CoP;
- final event: 9th CoR Summit/Plenary on 3-4 March 2022 in Marseille

**CoR communication**
- cooperation with EU institutions, EDICs and associations;
- online communication;
- local, cross-border and inter-regional citizens' panels and events;
- surveys.

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Launch event 9 May 2021, Strasbourg

CoR debates, opinions, resolutions on the future of Europe

CoR High-level group “European Democracy”

150 CoR citizens’ dialogues/panels in regions, cities, villages

Final report, 9 May 2022, Strasbourg

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CoR+FR associations, Strasbourg, 9 May 2021

PT Presidency Jan–June 2021

Slovenian Presidency July–Dec 2021

French Presidency Jan–June 2022

CZ Presidency July–Dec 2022
Follow-up: What does the European Commission suggest?

European Commission Communication of 17 June 2022 (extract)

- Dedicating time and resources to organise citizens’ panels with the aim to deep-dive into a select number of key themes and help prepare particularly important sets of key initiatives and receive feedback from ahead of launch of legislative process;
- Organising smaller targeted deliberative or co-creation/co-design processes, run in a smaller scale, to address specific policy issues more cost-effectively and in a timelier way;
- Help to build capacity amongst national, regional and local actors to launch a new generation of decentralised citizens’ dialogues based on deliberative approaches;
- Develop a European Charter for Citizens’ Participation targeted at all those who participate in or organise citizen engagement activities promoting the general principles that are essential for successful citizen engagement;
What will the CoR do?

• Conference on how to link the levels of democracy on 27 June together with the Bertelsmann Foundation
• Resolution to be adopted and debate with Guy Verhofstadt on 29 June during the Plenary
• Capacity-building and networking: engaging with cities, regions, European associations and the EU institutions (as of September 2022)