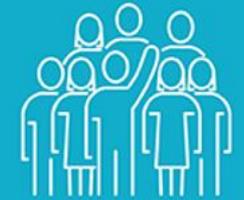




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High Level Group on European Democracy

Meeting with the YEPs 15 September 2021

**Inês Roseta, Strategic planning, foresight and inter-institutional
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Context and Objectives of the CoR on the Future of Europe

- Occasion to strengthen the European house of Democracy
- Local and regional authorities as the democratic foundations, Member States the walls, and the EU the protective roof
- Greater legitimacy and efficiency in policy-making
- Bring Europe closer to citizens



CoR Contribution to the Conference on the Future of Europe



High Level Group Composition



Herman Van Rompuy – Chair



**Former European Commissioners Almunia and Vassiliou
Former Members of European Parliament Harms and Rodrigues
Youth Representative Silja Markkula
Academic Professor Grosse**



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High Level Group Mission

- **Provide critical analysis and strategic insights from an independent, experienced and external perspective**
- **Stimulate discussions on innovative ways to reinforce the democratic legitimacy of the common "European House of Democracy"**
- **Explore ways to reinforce the impact and influence of local and regional authorities and the CoR in the European process**
- **Support the CoR in developing proposals for permanent and structured forms of citizens' participation in the EU's democratic process, starting from the local and regional levels**



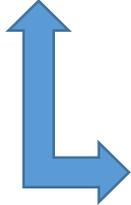
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CoR Delegation to the COFE

CoR Commissions and Plenaries



High Level Group – Work Phases

- **Scoping phase: identification of challenges linked to European democracy in all its components – sense of community, challenges and opportunities of the digital age, output democracy that delivers, citizen participation beyond elections, ‘sui generis’ construct**
- **Mapping those issues into the European context to single out the specific questions and problems that the HLG could contribute to solving**
- **Developing possible solutions to remedy the challenges identified in the scoping phase**
- **Final Report to CoR to support CoR contribution to the Conference**
- **Summit of Regions and Cities in Marseille on 3-4 March 2022**

