The Conference on the Future of Europe
State of play at EU level and activities of the CoR

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History and indicative timeline

- 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)

Follow-up?

German-French Non-Paper (December 2019)
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)

**Joint Declaration** (10 March 2021)

Launch 9 May in Strasbourg

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

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

**Digital Platform**

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

**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

**Report**

**Common Secretariat**

EP, Council, Commission

**Source:** Rules of Procedure (11 May 2021)
Conference Plenary

**purpose:** deliberate on topics and agree on proposals in view of the recommendations made by the European Citizens’ Panels;

**composition:** 450 members, 108 of whom from the EP and national parliaments each, 54 government representatives (Council), three members of the European Commission, 108 citizens (80 from European and 27 from national panels, 1 from the European Youth Forum), 18 representatives each from CoR/EESC, local and regional representatives (12), social partner organisations (12), and civil society organisations (8);

**meetings:** up to five on 19 June, 22-23 October, 17-18 December 2021, 21-22 January, 18-19 February, and 11-12 March 2022.
European Citizens’ Panels

**purpose:** deliberate on topics and make recommendations to the Conference Plenary;

**composition:** four panels of 200 citizens each, at least one female and one male citizen per member state, chosen randomly, representative in terms of citizens' geographic origin, gender, age, socio-economic background and/or level of education; based on degressive proportionality used to compose the EP; at least one third will be young people (16-25 years old);

**meetings:** three of each panel (12 in total), to be held between September 2021 and January 2022 in Strasbourg (September/October), online (November), Dublin: 3-5 Dec., Florence: 10-12 Dec., Natolin: 7-9 Jan., and Maastricht: 14-16 Jan., and a final event for all citizens between 22 and 24 April (tbc).

4 x 200 citizens from 27 member states
see for indicative figures by country [here](#)
Calendar of meetings

Conference Plenary

19 June 2021, inaugural session

22-23 October 2021

17-18 December 2021

21-22 January 2022

18-19 February 2022, proposals

11-12 March 2022 (tbc)

Topics

Panel 1:
- stronger economy, social justice, jobs;
- education, youth, culture, youth, sport;
- digital transformation

Panel 2:
- European democracy;
- values and rights, rule of law, security

Panel 3:
- climate change, environment;
- health

Panel 4:
- EU in the world;
- migration

Europ. Citizens’ Panels

17 June 2021, citizens’ event, Lisbon

17-19 September 2021, Panel 1: Strasbourg

24-26 September 2021, Panel 2: Strasbourg

1-3 October 2021, Panel 3: Strasbourg

7-8 October 2021, European Youth Event: Strasbourg

15-17 October 2021, Panel 4: Strasbourg

5-7 November 2021, Panel 1: online

12-14 November 2021, Panel 2: online

19-21 November 2021, Panel 3: online

26-27 November, Panel 4: online

3-5 December 2021, Panel 1: Dublin

10-12 December 2021, Panel 2: Florence

7-9 January 2022, Panel 3: Natolin

14-16 January 2022, Panel 4: Maastricht

22-24 April 2022, final event (tbc)

Recommendations

Panel 1:
- stronger economy, social justice, jobs;
- education, youth, culture, youth, sport;
- digital transformation

Panel 2:
- European democracy;
- values and rights, rule of law, security

Panel 3:
- climate change, environment;
- health

Panel 4:
- EU in the world;
- migration
Calendar of meetings and actions

**Conference Plenary**

- 19 June 2021, inaugural session
- 17 June 2021, citizens' event, Lisbon

**Topics**

**Panel 1:**
- European democracy;
- values and rights, rule of law, security

**Panel 2:**
- climate change, environment;
- health

**Panel 3:**
- stronger economy, social justice, jobs;
- education, youth, culture, youth, sport;
- digital transformation

**Panel 4:**
- EU in the world;
- migration

**Recommendations**

- 17-18 December 2021
- 21-22 January 2022
- 11-12 March 2022 (tbc)

**Outreach**

- Topical factsheets, media, citizen panels
- Declaration
- Debate with MEPs
- Barometer report and survey

**CoR**

- 29 June 2021, Regions in the EU event
- 30 June-2 July, Plenary
- 11-14 October 2021, Plenary
- 14 October 2021, Cities in the EU event
- 30 November 2021, Rural regions in the EU event
- 1-3 December 2021, Plenary
- 26-27 January 2022, Plenary
- 3-4 March 2022, 9th Regions and Cities Summit, Marseille

**Eur. Citizens’ Panels**

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- 24-26 September 2021, Panel 2
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- 15-17 October 2021, Panel 4
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- 12-14 November 2021, Panel 2
- 19-21 November 2021, Panel 3
- 26-27 November, Panel 4
- 4-5 December 2021, Panel 1
- 10-12 December 2021, Panel 2
- 7-9 January 2022, Panel 3
- 14-16 January 2022, Panel 4
- 22-24 April 2022, final event (tbc)
Activities of the Committee of the Regions (1)

CoR+FR associations, Strasbourg, 9 May 2021
CoR High-level group “European Democracy”
CoR Citizens’ Dialogues/panels in regions, cities, villages
CoR debates, opinions, resolutions on the future of Europe

CoR Barometer 12 Oct 2021
9th CoR Summit of Regions and Cities, 3-4 March 2022

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.

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

PT Presidency Jan–June 2021
Slovenian Presidency July–Dec 2021
French Presidency Jan–June 2022
CZ Presidency July–Dec 2022

Launch event 9 May 2021, Strasbourg
Report of the joint presidency, spring 2022
“From local to European” – a project of the CoR and the Bertelsmann Foundation

What for? To bring experiments to the table from the local to the European level with a view to establish a permanent citizens’ consultation.

Who? Up to 50 cities and regions, two thirds of which working together across borders, ready to hold deliberations on the topics of the Conference and according to the “charter on events”: 50+x events involving est. 3 500 citizens.

How? Support for the preparation, delivery and evaluation of events on the future of Europe to be held between September and December 2021 in the participating regions and cities with active citizens‘ involvement.

Find out more: https://cor.europa.eu/de/engage/pages/cor-bertelsmann-stiftung-project.aspx
**Digital Platform** of the Conference on the Future of Europe

**European Parliament Research Service:** briefing (7 May), “Topical digest“ (May)

**Council of the EU library:** website with links to papers etc. on the Conference

**Committee of the Regions:** Future of Europe

**Bertelsmann Foundation:** Project “Democracy and participation in Europe“