



### Future of Europe topic - Further readings

The material that you find in this package is a follow up on the YEP Programme workshops "*Citizens at the heart of EU policies*" and "*The Conference on the Future of Europe: the role of local and regional authorities*".

#### European Committee of the Regions (CoR)

- [CoR resolution on the Conference on the Future of Europe](#)
- CoR Press release: "*Local leaders: Conference on the Future of Europe is an opportunity for citizens to change the European Union*".
- [EU Annual Regional and Local Barometer](#): the cost of the COVID pandemic on the EU's regions, cities and villages.
- **Public opinion survey**: "*The coronavirus crisis and the role of regions and cities in the EU*"
- CoR [Future of Europe Initiative](#):
- **CoR Opinion** "*Local and regional authorities in the permanent dialogue with citizens*", CoR Rapporteur Declan Mc Donnell, Member of the Galway City Council, Ireland.  
The CoR Opinion was adopted at the 140<sup>th</sup> CoR Plenary session. It proposes the development of a tool called *CitizEN - Citizen Engagement in the EU Network* to involve citizens in policy-making.
- **CoR Press release** "*Local and regional leaders propose a tool for citizens' voice to be heard in the EU decision-making process*".
- **CoR Opinion** "*Strengthening local governance and representative democracy via new digital technology instruments*", CoR Rapporteur PIHELGAIS Rait, Mayor of Järva municipality, Estonia.  
The Opinion will be debated at the December CoR Plenary Assembly.
- **CIVEX workshop** "*Innovating citizen participation*".
- **CoR Compendium**: "*From local to European: Putting Citizens at the centre of the EU Agenda*"
- *Non-paper: EU permanent mechanism for structured consultations & dialogues with citizens.*

- **CoR Opinion** "*Reflecting on Europe: the voice of local and regional authorities to rebuild trust in the European Union*".
- **EuroPCom 2020 – Time for Communica[c]tion**: EuroPCom 2020 will look at the opportunities and challenges in communication around three key themes: Citizens, Green and Digital. It will also address two of the most prominent initiatives of the European agenda for 2020 that will have major implications for European public communication: the Conference on the Future of Europe and the European Green Deal.

#### European Council

- *Council's position on the Conference on the Future of Europe.*

#### European Commission

- European Commission [Communication](#) on the Conference on the Future of Europe.

#### European Parliament

- European Parliament [Resolution](#) on the purpose, scope and composition of the Conference on the Future of Europe.
- **Committee on Constitutional Affairs (AFCO)**: Members of the AFCO meetings focus on making the EU more efficient, democratic and transparent, and bringing it closer to EU citizens. Therefore, the Conference on the future of Europe and the activities related to citizens' participation in decision-making fall under the lens of the AFCO Committee. Live streaming and recordings of the AFCO Meetings are available [here](#). Related documents are available [here](#).
- Committee on Civil Liberties, Justice and Home Affairs (LIBE): [hearing on "Enhancing EU citizens' rights and democratic participation"](#).

#### OECD

*PARTICIPO, Research & practice of innovative citizen participation.*

#### Other material:

- 27-30 October 2020: **German Bertelsmann Foundation** and **European Commission**: *a [transnational online citizens' dialogue with 100 randomly selected citizens](#)* from Denmark, Germany, Ireland, Italy and Lithuania. Citizens spent three days discussing Europe's democratic, digital and green future. The recording of the sessions are available [here](#).
- **German Bertelsmann Foundation**: "*Random selection for citizen participation*".
- **German Konrad Adenauer Foundation** and the **ifok institute**: *[final report of a survey on the future of Europe](#)* conducted with officials of EU institutions and stakeholders working for Brussels-based think tanks and NGOs.
- **European Policy Centre**: "*Preparing for the Conference on the Future of Europe: the 'known knows' of citizens' participation*"

- **Institut Jacques Delors**, *“Représentation et participation. Rèinventer la démocratie européenne”*.
- **Association of European Border Regions: *Cross-Border School***, 4-5 November 2020.  
The first session will focus on *“The future of Europe from the perspective of border regions”*.
- 6-12 December 2020: **European Commission (EC), Joint Research Center (JRC): *“Citizen Engagement and Deliberative Democracy Festival”***.
- **German Bundestag**: The *“citizens’ assembly (“Bürgerrat”) on Germany’s role in the world.”*
- *The Irish Citizens’ Assembly*: deliberative Democracy at work.
- *Scotland’s Climate Assembly*.
- **Commune d’Ixelles Elsene**: *“Le budget participatif: l’occasion pour vous de participer à la vie de la commune en ayant la main sur une partie du budget communal!”*
- **Proximity Belgium: ATELIERS “SOUTIEN A LA RÉDACTION DE PROJETS”**.