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

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**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), 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

**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)
Conference Plenary

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

**composition:** 433 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, and 8 each from social partner and civil society organisations;

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

**purpose:** deliberate on topics 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, socioeconomic 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 different cities (Strasbourg; Brussels, Warsaw, Florence), each during three consecutive days

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

**Conference Plenary**

- 18-19 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:**
- 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;

**Europ. Citizens’ Panels**

- 17 June 2021, citizens’ event, Lisbon
- 17-19 September 2021, Panel 1
- 24-26 September 2021, Panel 2
- 1-3 October 2021, Panel 3
- 7-8 October 2021, European Youth Event
- 15-17 October 2021, Panel 4
- 5-7 November 2021, Panel 1
- 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)

**Recommendations**

22-23 October 2021
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?** 10-20 cities and regions, ideally already active in citizen participation.

**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](https://cor.europa.eu/de/engage/pages/cor-bertelsmann-stiftung-project.aspx)

**Next meeting:** 28 May, 12:30-14:30  [https://cor.europa.eu/de/events/Pages/CoR-Bertelsmann-Foundation-project-webinar-28052021.aspx](https://cor.europa.eu/de/events/Pages/CoR-Bertelsmann-Foundation-project-webinar-28052021.aspx)
**Links**

**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“