Conference on the **Future** of **Europe**

The Conference on the Future of Europe: The role of the CoR and of local and regional representatives

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European Committee of the Regions

18 regional and local delegates proposed by the European Committee of the Regions

Apostolos Tzitzikostas, *President of the European Committee of the Regions, Governor of the Region of Central Macedonia, Greece, President of the Association of Greek Regions, European People's Party (EPP)*

Vasco Ilídio Alves Cordeiro, *1st Vice-President of the European Committee of the Regions, Member of the Regional Parliament of Azores, Portugal, Party of European Socialists (PES)*

European People's Party (EPP)

Olgierd Geblewicz
President of the EPP Group, President of West Pomerania Region, Poland, President of the Polish Association of Regions

Jelena Drenjanin
1st Vice-President of the EPP Group, Vice-Mayor of Huddinge, Sweden, Chair of the Governance Committee, Congress of Local and Regional Authorities, Council of Europe

Mark Speich
Chair of the Committee of the Regions' Commission for Citizenship, Governance, Institutional and External Affairs, Secretary of State, North Rhine-Westphalia Region, Germany

Isabel Díaz Ayuso
President of Madrid Region, Spain

Ilse Aigner
President of the Bavarian State Parliament and CoR-delegate on behalf of the Regional Parliaments of Germany

Party of European Socialists (PES)

Christophe Rouillon
President of the PES Group, Mayor of Coulaines, France

Yoomi Renström
1st Vice-President of the PES Group, Member of Ovanåker Municipal Council, Sweden

Concepción Andreu Rodríguez
Vice-President of the PES Group, President of the Regional Government of La Rioja, Spain

Kata Tüttő
Vice-President of the PES Group, Deputy Major of Budapest, Hungary

Renew Europe (RE)

François Decoster
President of Renew Europe Group, Mayor of Saint Omer, Member of Hauts-de-France Regional Council, France

Mirja Vehkaperä
Chairman of Oulu City Board, Finland

Paula Fernández Viaña
Minister for Interior, Justice and External Action, Cantabria Region, Spain

European Conservatives and Reformists (ECR)

Władysław Ortyl
President of the ECR Group, Marshal of the Podkarpackie Region, Poland

Roberto Ciambetti
President of the Veneto Regional Parliament, Italy

European Alliance (EA)

Kieran McCarthy
President of the EA Group, Member of Cork City Council, Ireland

The Greens

Muhterem Aras
President of the State Parliament of Baden-Württemberg, Germany

12 local and regional delegates proposed by the territorial associations and other regional and local stakeholders

European People's Party (EPP)

Magnus Berntsson
Regional Minister of Västra Götaland, President of the Assembly of European Regions (AER) and Member of the Conference of Peripheral Maritime Regions (CPMR), Sweden

Emil Boc
Mayor of the City of Cluj-Napoca, President of the Romanian Association of Municipalities, Member of Council of the European Municipalities and Regions (CEMR) and Eurocities, Romania

Aleksandra Dulkiewicz
Mayor of Gdansk, Executive President of the Council of European Municipalities and Regions (CEMR) and Member of Eurocities, Poland

Yordanka Fandakova
Mayor of the City of Sofia, Executive President of the Council of European Municipalities and Regions (CEMR) and Member of Eurocities, Bulgaria

Renaud Muselier
President of Region Sud, Vice President of Regions de France and Member of the Conference of Peripheral Maritime Regions (CPMR), France

Party of European Socialists (PES)

Manuela Bora
Member of the Marche Regional Council, Member of the Council of European Municipalities and Regions (CEMR) and Member of the Conference of Peripheral Maritime Regions (CPMR), Italy

Verena Dunst
President of the Burgenland Regional Parliament, Member of the Conference of Regional Legislative Assemblies of the EU (CALRE), Austria

Karl-Heinz Lambertz
President of the Parliament of the German-speaking Community, President of the Association of European Border Regions (AEBR), Belgium

Hermano Sanches Ruivo
Deputy-Mayor of the City of Paris, Member of Eurocities and the European Municipalities and Regions (CEMR), France

Renew Europe (RE)

Clotilde Armand
Mayor of Sector 1 Bucharest, Romania

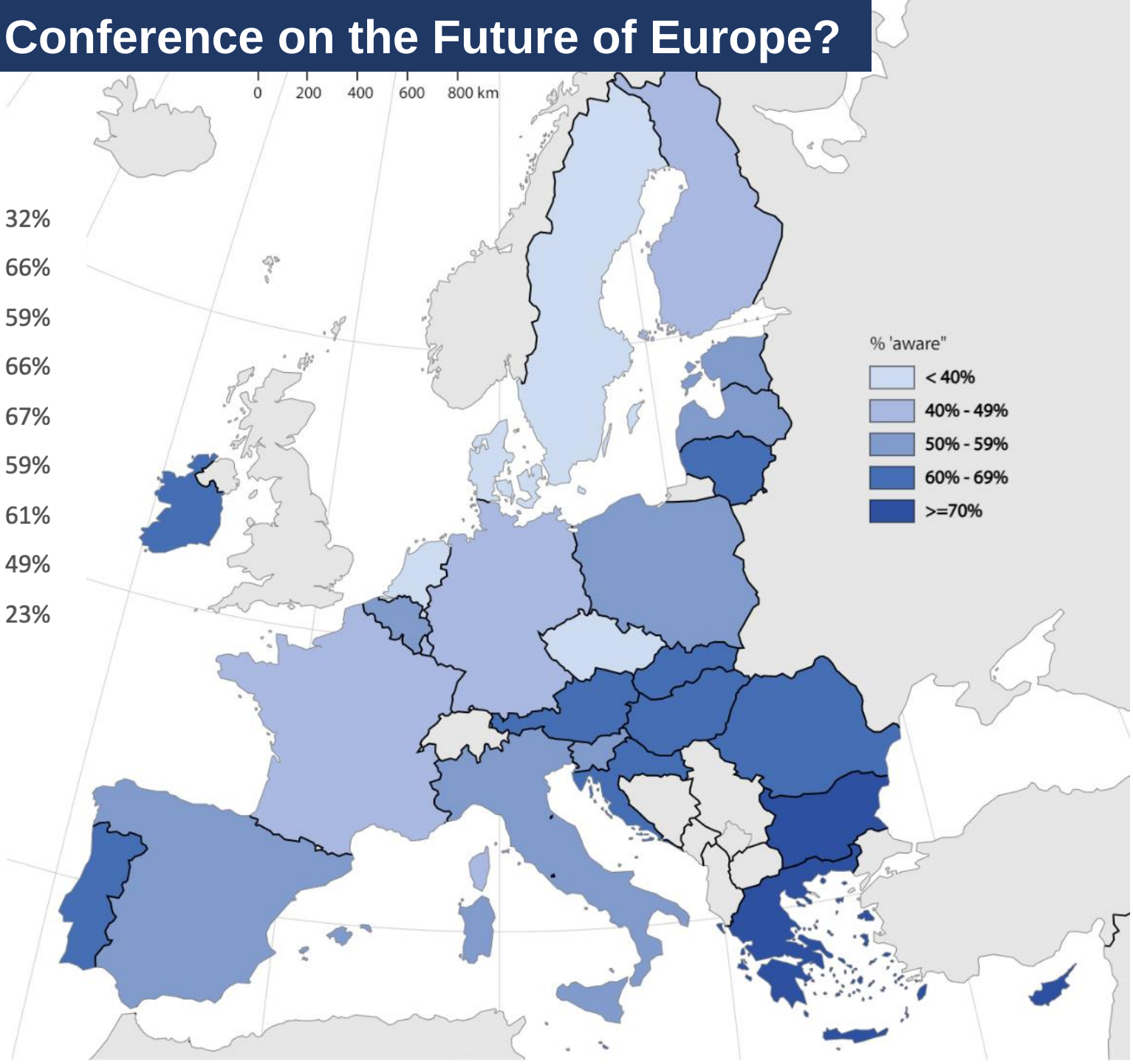
Cees Loggen
Regional Minister of North – Holland, President of the Conference of Peripheral Maritime Regions (CPMR), Netherlands

European Conservatives and Reformists (ECR)

Klaudia Szemereyné Pataki
Mayor of Kecskemét, Hungary

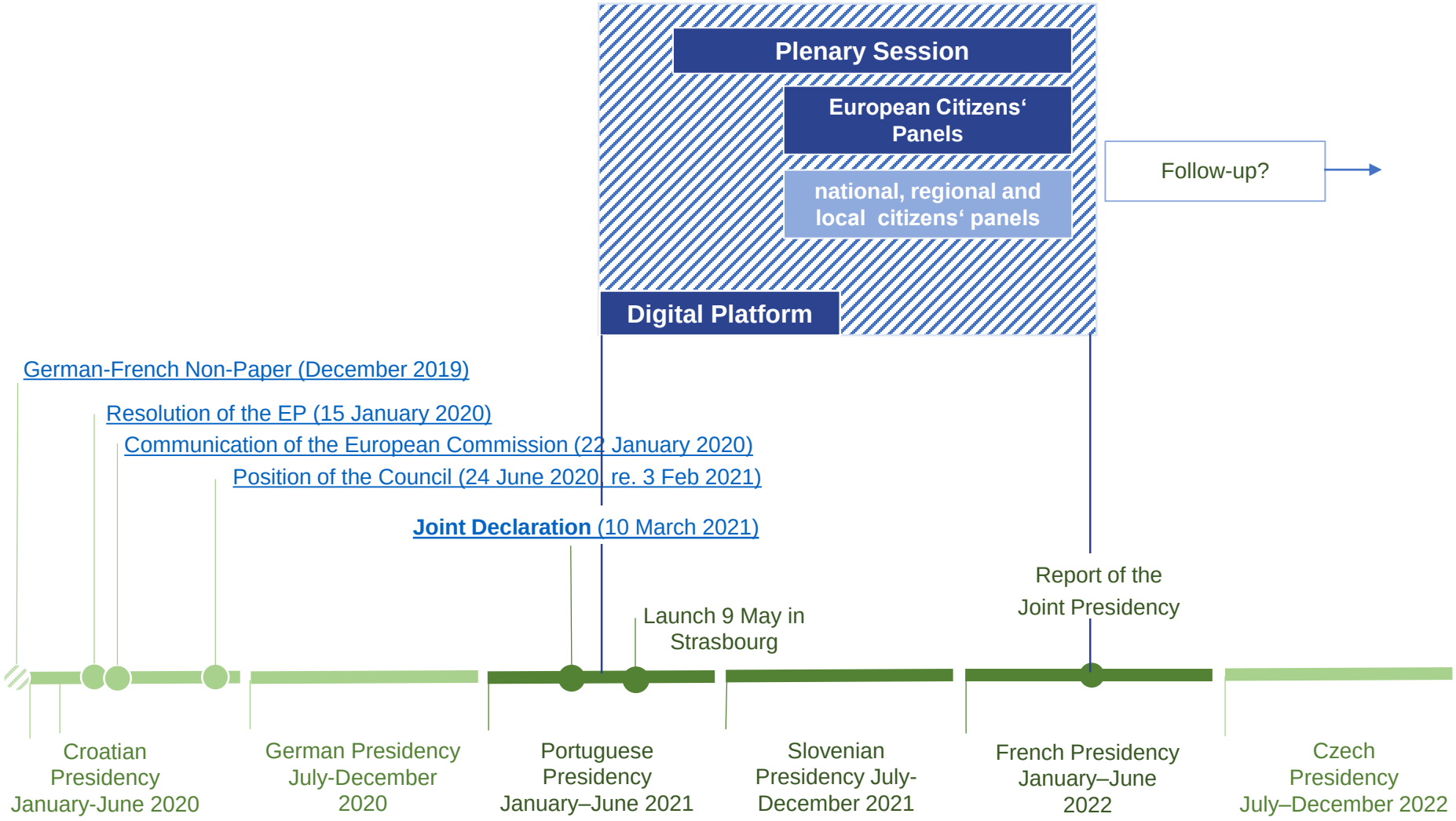
Are local politicians aware of the Conference on the Future of Europe?

EU27	**54%**				
BE	53%	FR	41%	NL	32%
BG	88%	HR	65%	AT	66%
CZ	33%	IT	55%	PL	59%
DK	31%	CY	71%	PT	66%
DE	44%	LV	52%	RO	67%
EE	54%	LT	63%	SI	59%
IE	61%	LU	42%	SK	61%
EL	81%	HU	61%	FI	49%
ES	59%	MT	64%	SE	23%



[CoR-Ipsos survey (12 October 2021)]

Conference on the Future of Europe: history and indicative timeline



Conference on the Future of Europe: organisation and topics

Joint Presidency: Presidents of EP, Council and European Commission

Report

Common Secretariat
EP, Council, 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)

Recommendations

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

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

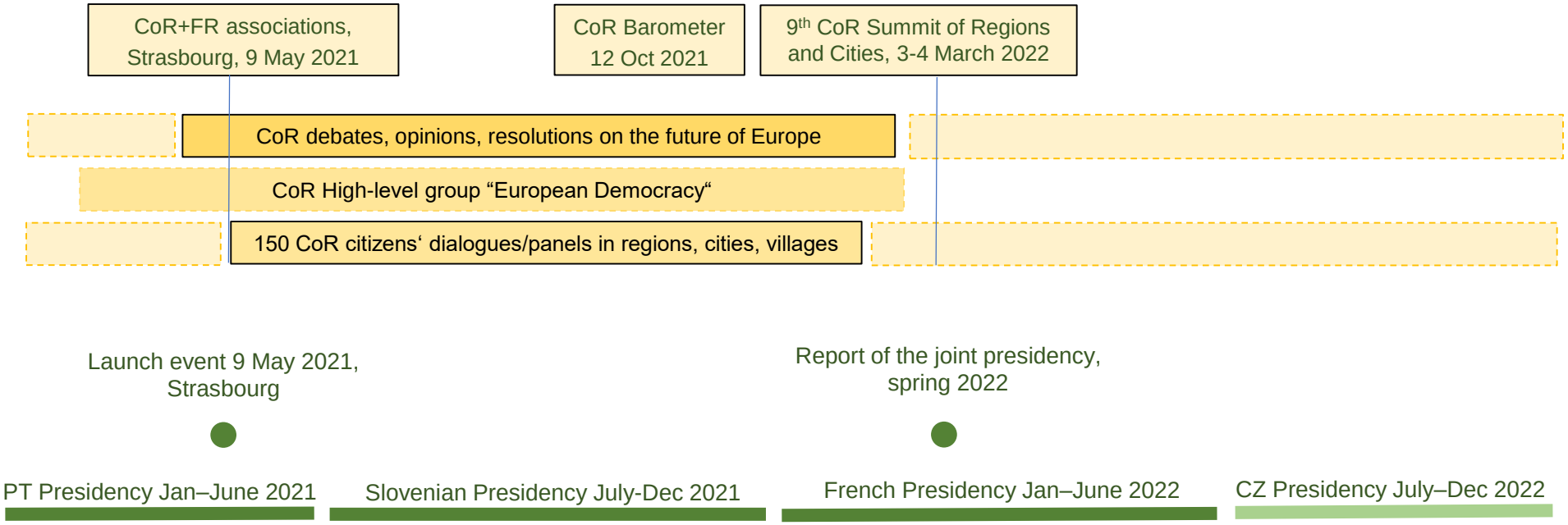
- national, regional, local citizens‘ panels;
- individual citizens;
- civil society organisations

Digital Platform

Source: Rules of Procedure (11 May 2021), *changes on 19 July

CoR activities during the Conference

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



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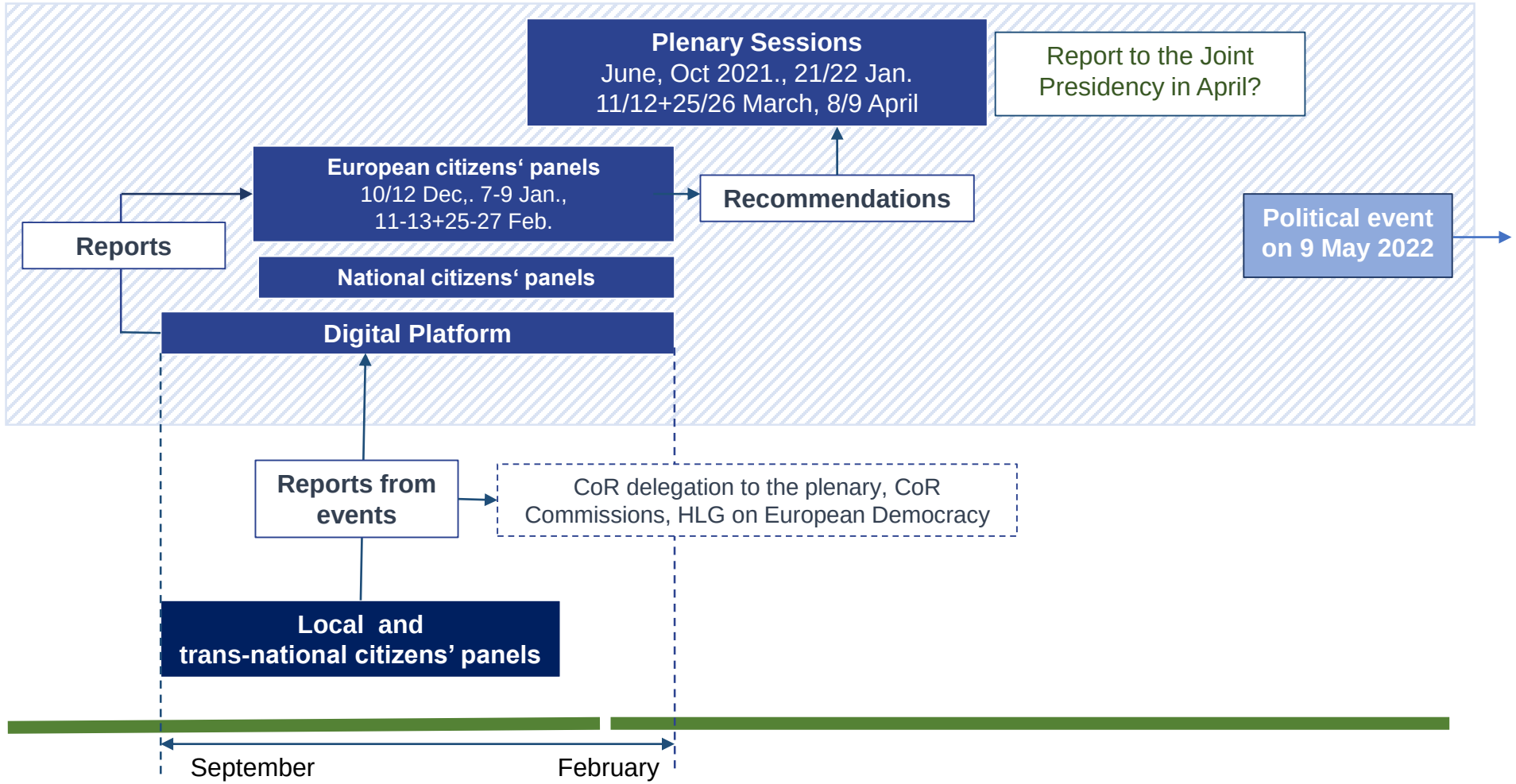
The impact local and transnational citizens' panels



Slovenian Presidency July- December 2021

French Presidency January–June 2022

CoR citizens' dialogues/panels

CoR-Bertelsmann project "From local to European"

24 local and cross-border events with up to 1 400 citizens organised according to the rule CoFoE rule book

CoR local events

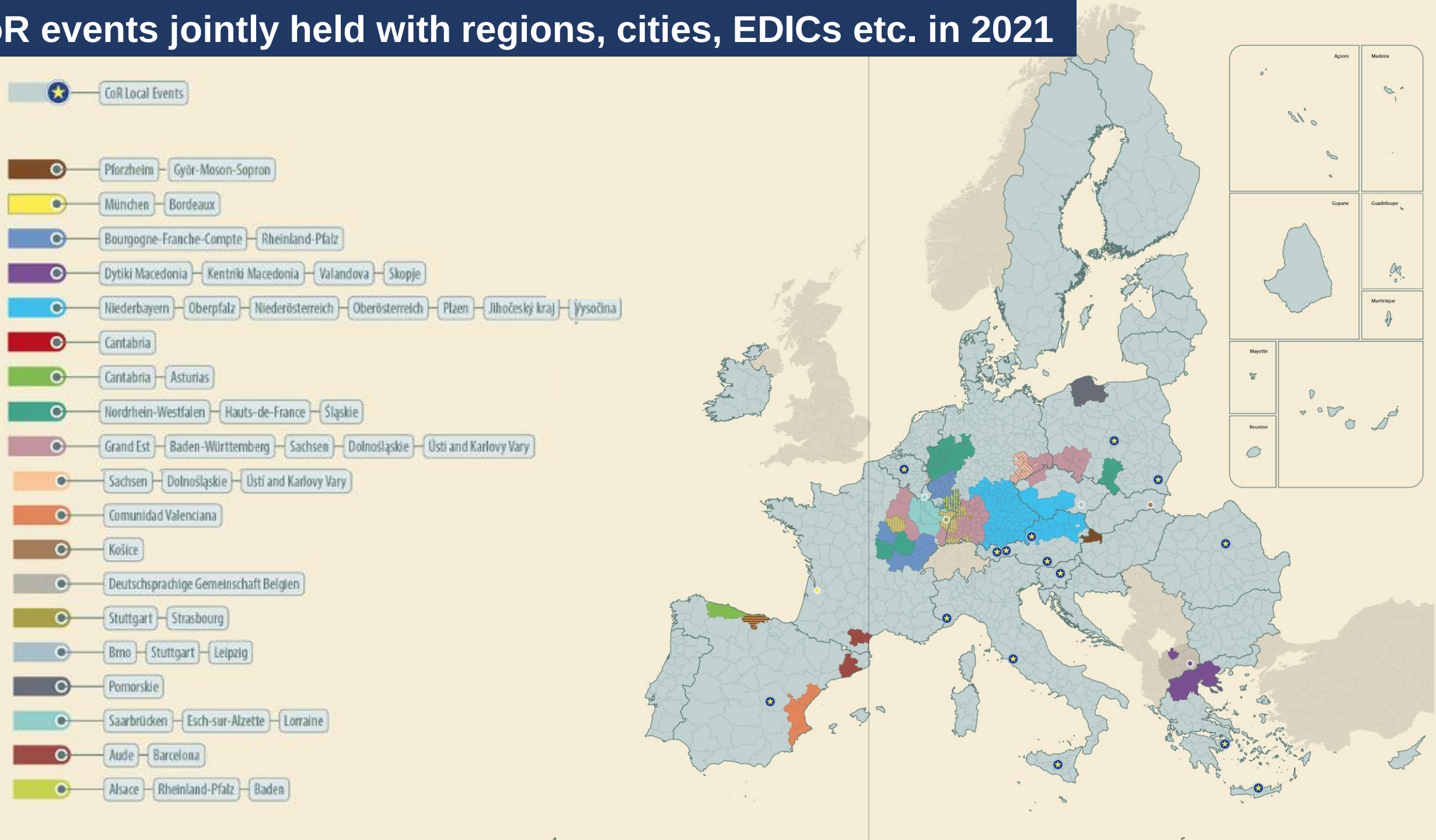
26 information events upon request by members

Local events linked to the EU Regions' Week

67 events organised by the local partners of the event – including with stakeholders

In 2021, there were about **130 local CoR events linked to the Conference on the Future of Europe**.

CoR events jointly held with regions, cities, EDICs etc. in 2021



Links

CoR: The Conference on the Future of Europe and the role of EU regions and cities (topical information by the CoR on the nine themes of the Conference, available in all languages https://cor.europa.eu/en/engage/pages/future-europe-role-of-regions-cities.aspx

CoR: Regional and local delegates to the Conference on the Future of Europe https://cor.europa.eu/en/engage/Documents/4550%20CoR%20delegation%20at%20the%20CoFoE%20v7%20web.pdf

CoR: Citizens, local politicians and the future of Europe (Interim report, 15 December 2021): https://cor.europa.eu/en/events/Documents/Citizens,%20local%20politicians%20and%20the%20future%20of%20Europe.pdf

CoR-Ipsos survey on local politicians and their views on the future of Europe (12 October 2021) https://cor.europa.eu/en/our-work/Pages/EURegionalBarometer-2021.aspx#survey

Website of the Conference: Information on the European Citizens‘ Panels (including thematic briefings for citizens in all languages): https://futureu.europa.eu/assemblies/citizens-panels