



**European Committee  
of the Regions**



## **European Committee of the Regions-UNA Europa virtual workshop**

### ***Students' input for the Future of Europe***

Friday 18 February 2022

14:30-16:15 (CET)

on MS Teams

*only in English*

Every two years, the European Committee of the Regions holds a European Summit of Regions and Cities. These summits bring elected representatives from regional and local authorities together to discuss the main challenges facing the European Union. The 9<sup>th</sup> European Summit of Regions and Cities will be held in Marseille on March 3<sup>rd</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup>, as part of the French Presidency of the EU. This time, the Summit aims at increasing the impact and outreach of the Conference on the Future of Europe. The voices of regions and cities must be heard and listened to, as they are key contributors to the European project and play an essential role in placing citizens at the heart of Europe. The Summit of Regions and Cities invites citizens and their elected representatives to help design a more resilient, cohesive and democratic European Union.

Students of **the UNA Europa university network** have prepared this workshop in a decentralized manner in collecting their proposals and ideas for the future of Europe. It is an occasion to share the input from the several student groups of the UNA Europa network and to discuss it with some Young Elected Politicians. After this virtual workshop, the students will prepare a 2-pages document with their ideas/proposals/demands and will be submitted to the Summit.

### AGENDA

14:30-14:40

#### **Opening:**

- Dr. Christian Gsodam, Head of Cabinet of the Secretary-General, European Committee of the Regions
- Prof. Fabienne Péraldi Leneuf, Professor of European Law, University of Paris 1 Panthéon-Sorbonne

14:40-14:50

#### **Presentation: "COFE and the input from the local and regional level"**

- Vassilis Antoniou, policy officer, Directorate for Legislative Works I, European Committee of the Regions

14:50-15:30

**1<sup>st</sup> debate block: Youth participation in European democracy - proposals**

- Statement by Sandra Schneeloch, city councillor, Cologne (Germany)
- Presentation by the students' representatives, UNA Europa
- Debate

15:30-16:10

**2<sup>nd</sup> debate block: European policies from the perspective of young European citizens – proposals**

- Statement by Alexander Lurvink, city councillor, Maastricht (Netherlands)
- Presentation by the students' representatives, UNA Europa
- Debate

16:10-16:15

**Conclusions**

- Dr. Christian Gsodam, Head of Cabinet of the Secretary-General, European Committee of the Regions

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