

European Committee of the Regions

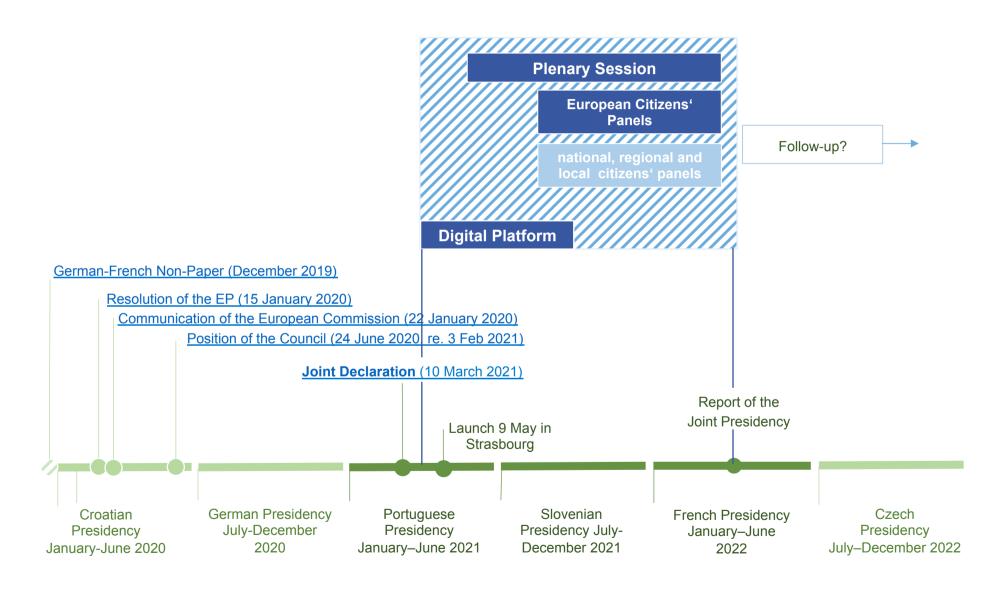
The Conference on the Future of Europe State of play at EU level and activities of the CoR

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History and indicative timeline





Organisation and Topics

| | CY: Presidents of EP, Council and | | |
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| | Report | Common Secretariat EP, Council, Commission | |
| | representatives + 4 observers eac bservers: CoR, EESC, social partr | | |
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| Conference Plenary | Recommendations | Europ. Citizens' Panels | |
| 433 members of whom: members of EP und national parliaments | Topics | • Four panels of 200 citizens each, randomly selected, representative of the EU sociological diversity, degressive-proportional according | |
| (108 each), Council/government representatives (54), European | • climate change and the environment; | | |
| Commission (3), citizens (108), EESC/CoR (18), social partners and civil society organisations (8) | health; a strong economy, | to national population, 1/3 betwee 16 and 25 years old | |
| | social justice and jobs; EU in the world; values and rights, rule | | |
| | values and rights, rule of law, security; digital transformation; | | |
| | European democracy; migration; | national, regional, local citizens' panels; | |
| | • education, culture, | individual citizens; | |
| | youth and sport;other ideas | civil society organisations | |

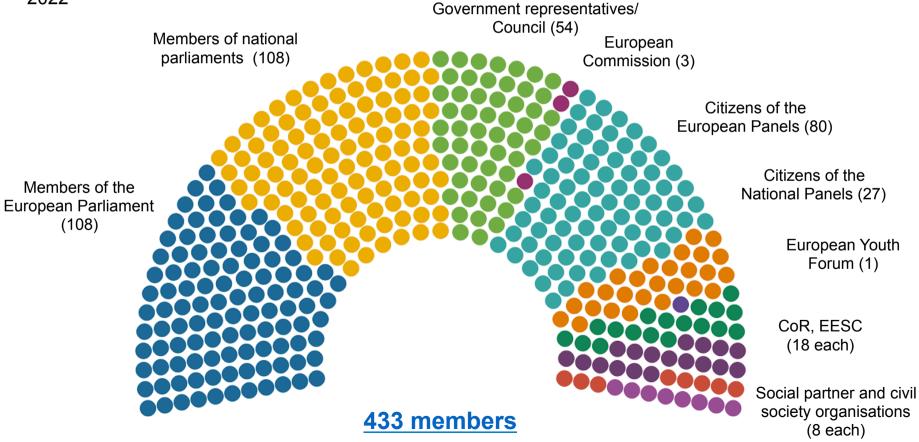


Conference Plenary

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

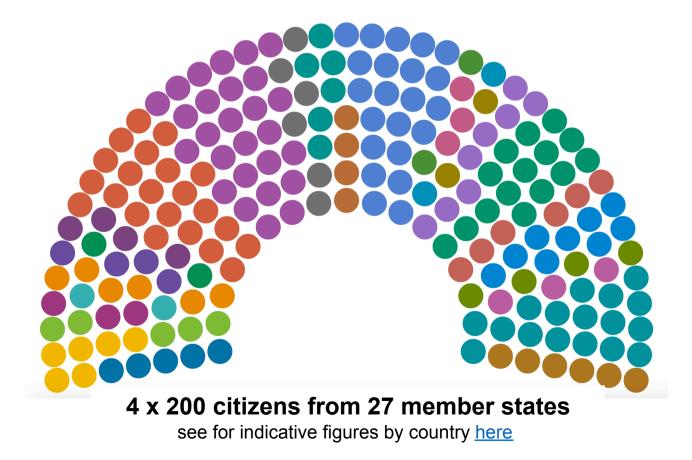




European Citizens' Panels

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





Calendar of meetings

| Conference Plenary | Topics | Europ. Citizens' Panels |
|------------------------------------|--|--|
| 18-19 June 2021, inaugural session | Panel 1: | 17 June 2021, citizens' event, Lisbon |
| | European democracy; values and rights, rule | 17-19 September 2021, Panel 1 |
| | of law, security Panel 2: • climate change, environment; • health Panel 3: • stronger economy, | 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 |
| • education culture, y | oudouton, youn, | 5-7 November 2021, Panel 1 |
| | culture, youth, sport;digital transformation | 12-14 November 2021, Panel 2 |
| | Panel 4: EU in the world; | 19-21 November 2021, Panel 3 |
| | migration; () | 26-27 November, Panel 4 |
| 17-18 December 2021 | Recommendations | 4-5 December 2021, Panel 1 |
| | | 10-12 December 2021, Panel 2 |
| | | 7-9 January 2022, Panel 3 |
| 21-22 January 2022 | Recommendations | 14-16 January 2022, Panel 4 |
| 18-19 February 2022, proposals |] | |
| 11-12 March 2022 (tbc) |] | 22-24 April 2022, final event (tbc) |



| CoR members | CoR bodies | CoR communication |
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| CoR members in the Plenary and the Executive Board; Events | Plenary and Commissions; Bureau and political groups | cooperation with EU institutions, EDICs and associations; online communication; local, cross-border and inter-regional citizens' panels and events |

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

Next meeting: 28 May, 12:30-14:30

https://cor.europa.eu/de/events/Pages/CoR-Bertelsmann-Foundation-projectwebinar-28052021.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"