



European Committee  
of the Regions

# **The Conference on the Future of Europe**

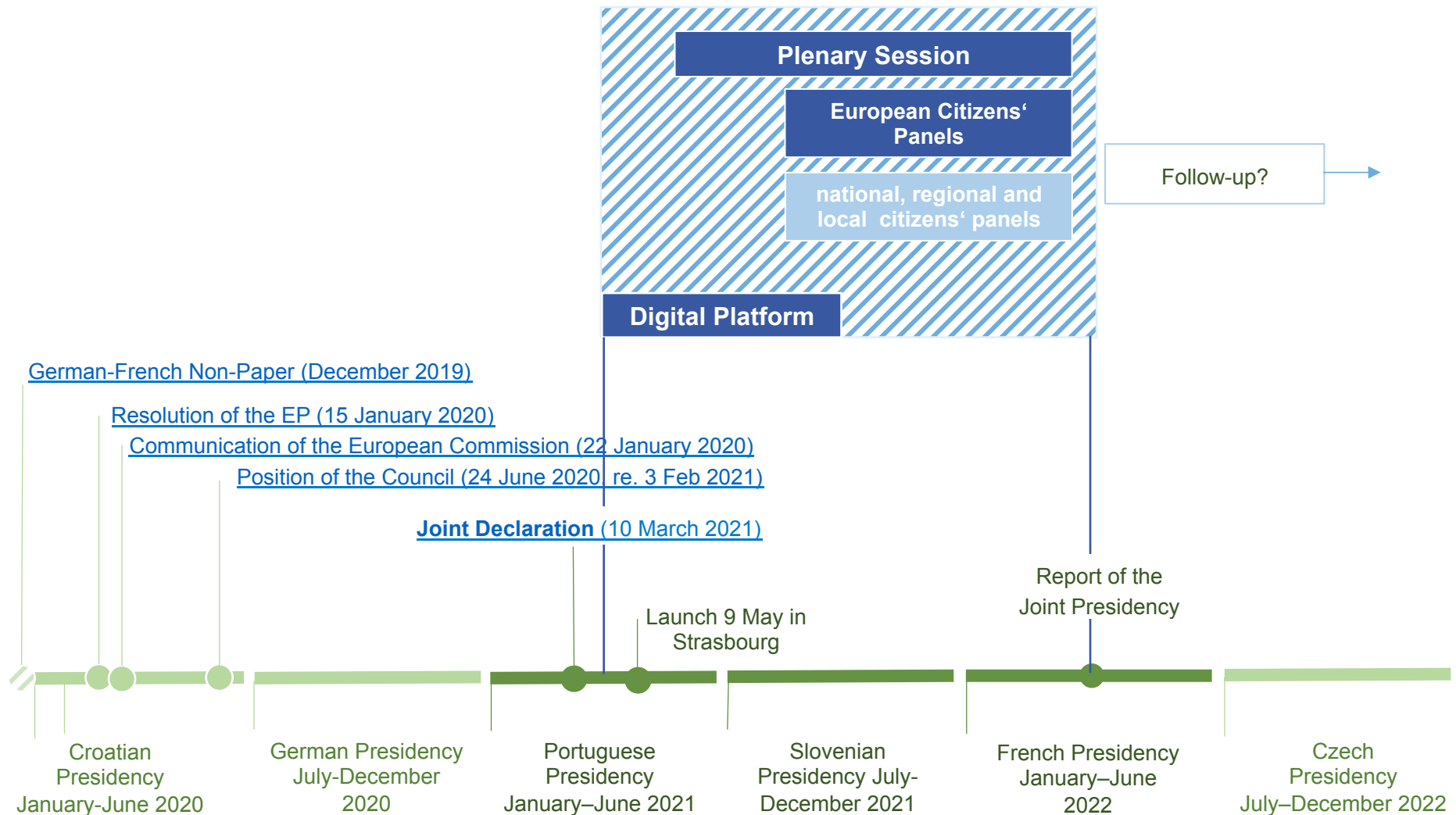
State of play at EU level and activities of the CoR

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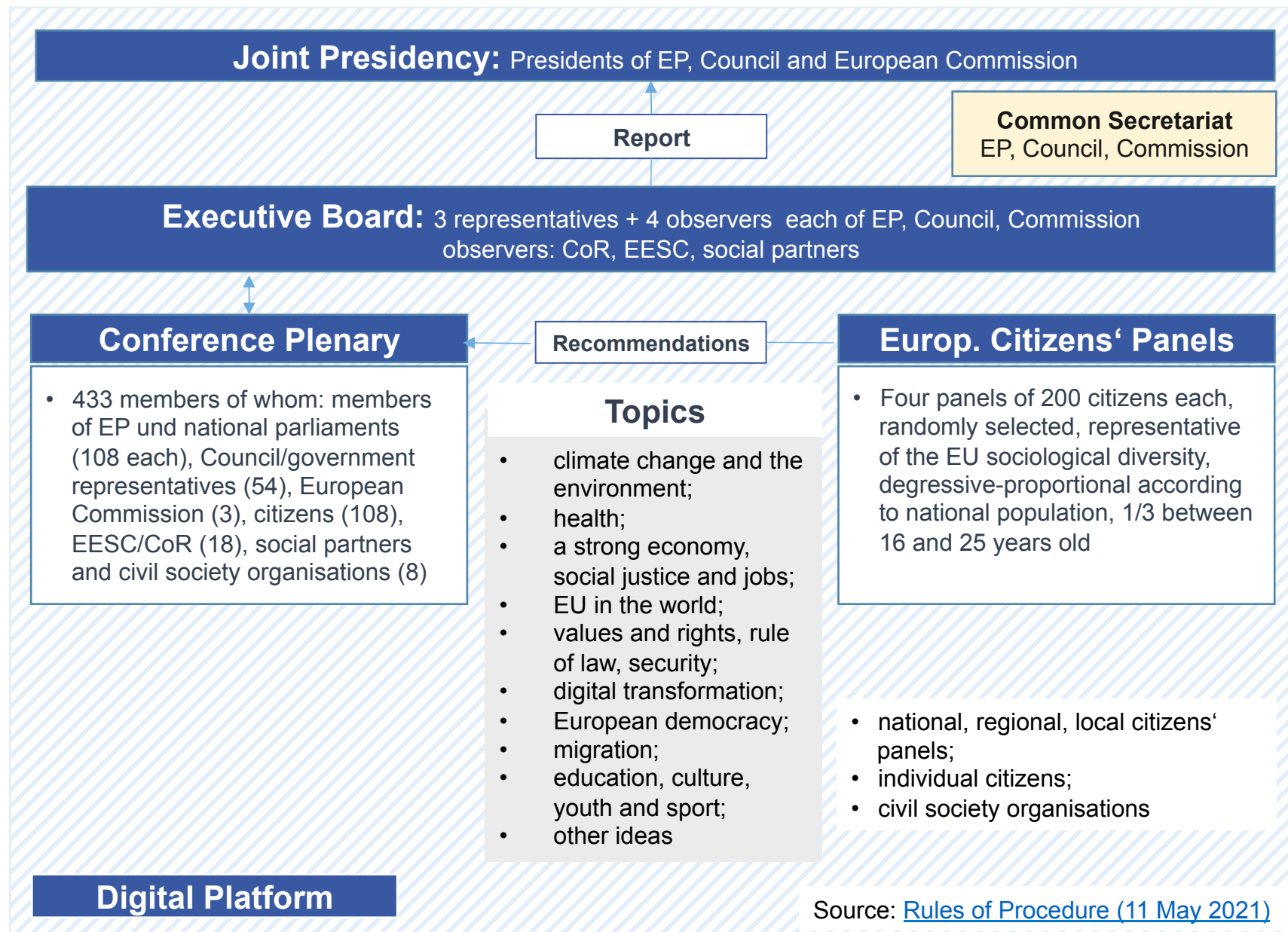


## History and indicative timeline





## Organisation and Topics





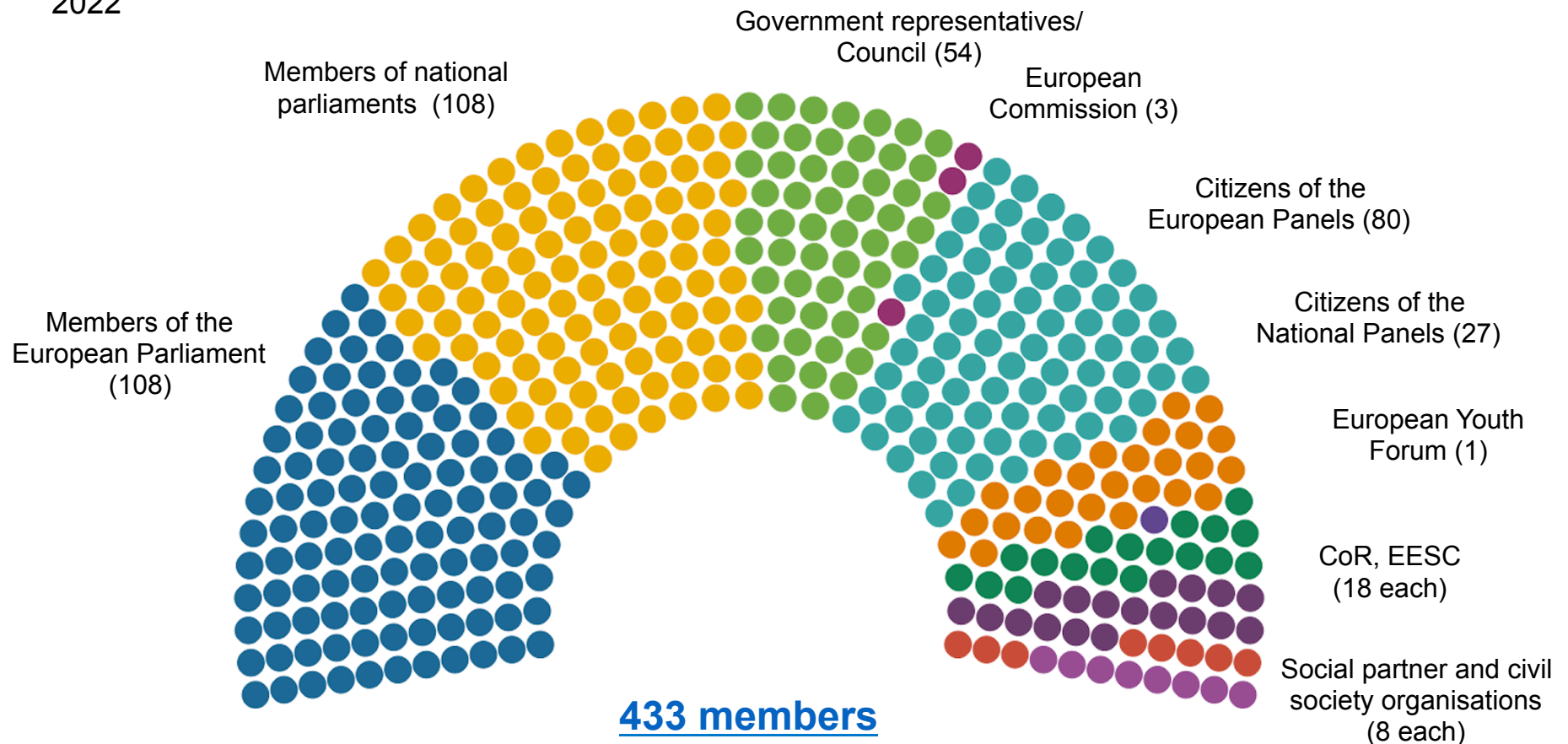
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## Conference Plenary

**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





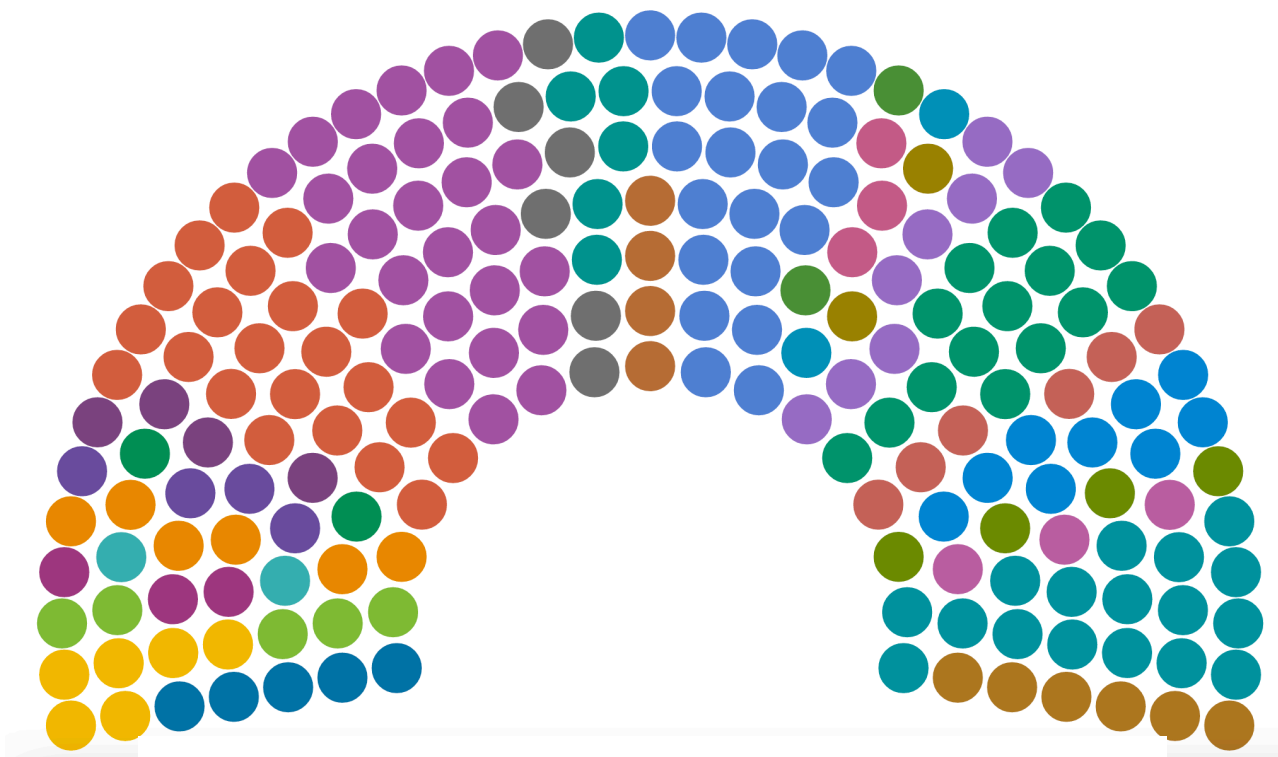
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## European Citizens' Panels

**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

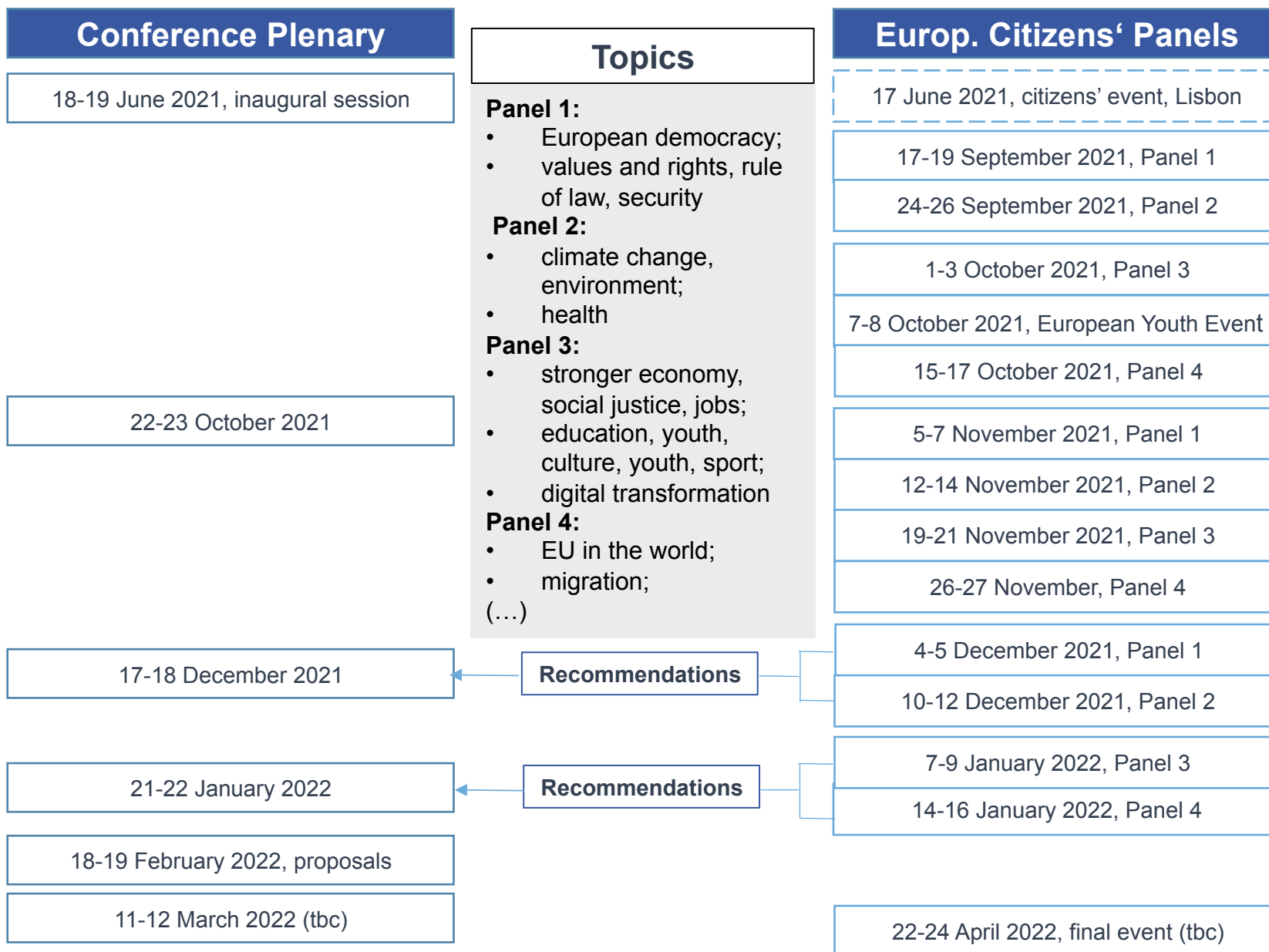


**4 x 200 citizens from 27 member states**

see for indicative figures by country [here](#)



## Calendar of meetings



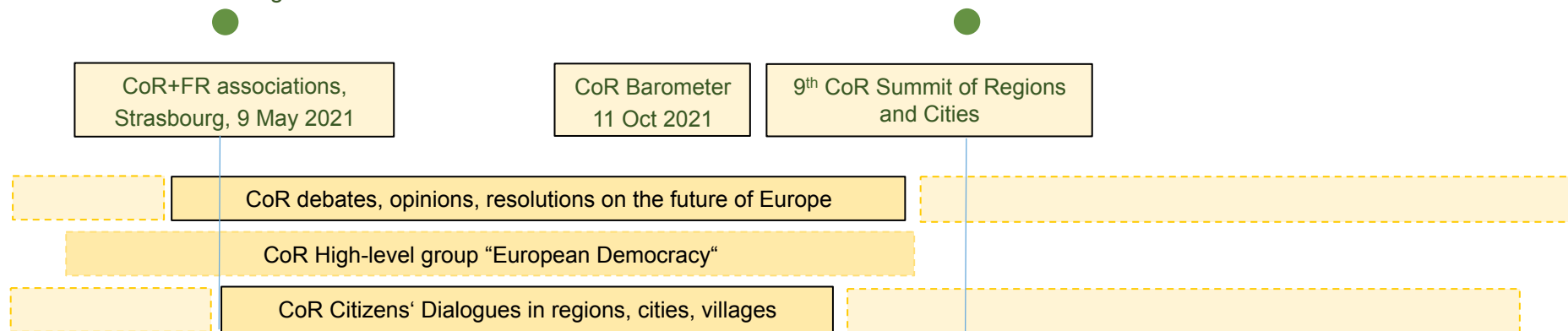


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## Activities of the Committee of the Regions (1)

Launch event 9 May 2021,  
Strasbourg

Report of the joint presidency,  
spring 2022



CoR members	CoR bodies	CoR communication
<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• CoR members in the Plenary and the Executive Board;</li><li>• Events</li></ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Plenary and Commissions;</li><li>• Bureau and political groups</li></ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• cooperation with EU institutions, EDICs and associations;</li><li>• online communication;</li><li>• local, cross-border and inter-regional citizens' panels and events</li></ul>

PT Presidency Jan–June 2021

Slovenian Presidency July-Dec 2021

French Presidency Jan–June 2022

CZ Presidency July–Dec 2022



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## Activities of the Committee of the Regions (2)

### **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-project-webinar-28052021.aspx>





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## 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”](#)**