

European Committee of the Regions

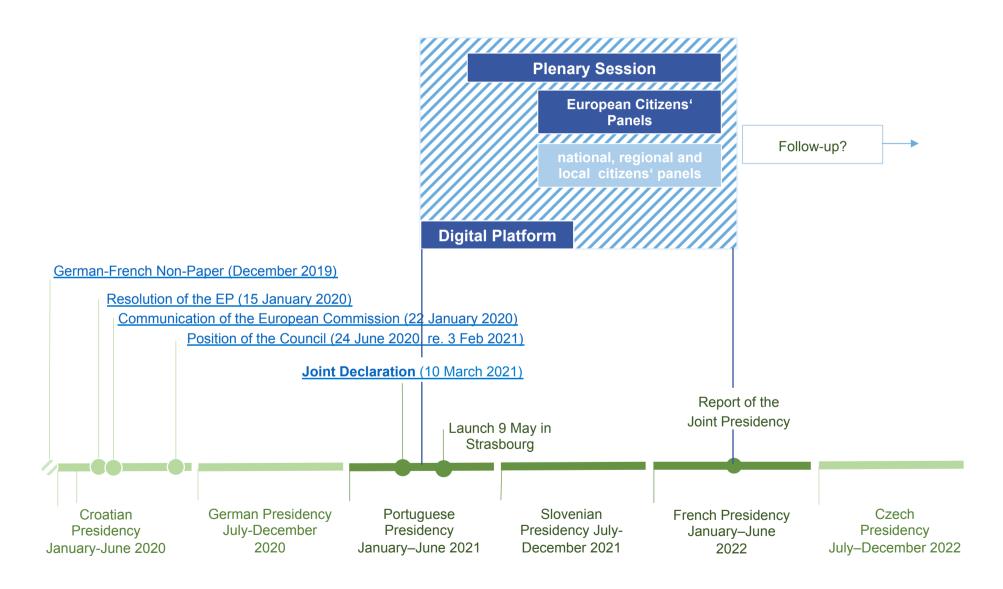
The Conference on the Future of Europe State of play at EU level and activities of the CoR

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History and indicative timeline





Organisation and Topics

	CY: Presidents of EP, Council and		
	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 	

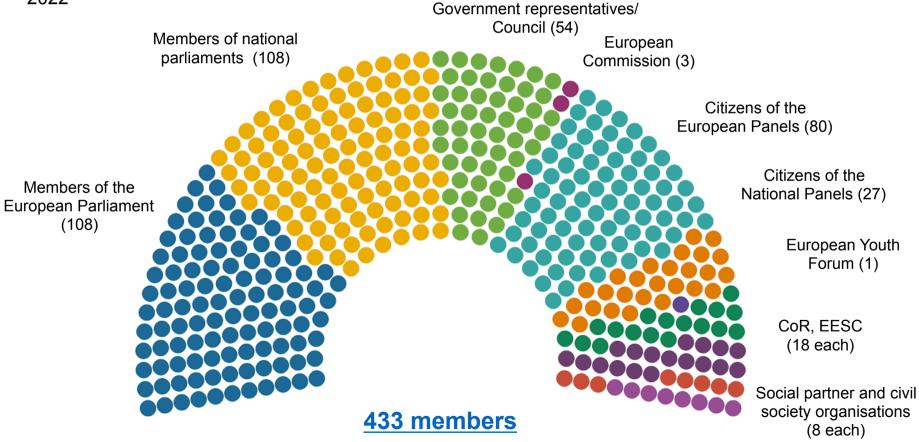


Conference Plenary

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

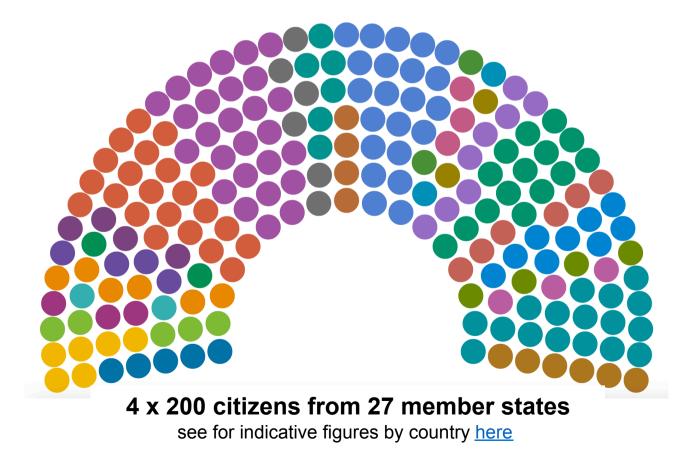




European Citizens' Panels

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
 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



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"