



Plenary sitting

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MOTION FOR A RESOLUTION

pursuant to Rule 143 of the Rules of Procedure

on the Conference on the Future of Europe and democratic legitimacy

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Motion for a European Parliament resolution on the Conference on the Future of Europe and democratic legitimacy

The European Parliament,

- having regard to the Rules of Procedure of the Conference on the Future of Europe,
- having regard to Rule 143 of its Rules of Procedure,
- A. whereas similar citizens' participation initiatives have been criticised for a complete lack of democratic legitimacy;
- B. whereas concerns have been expressed that the Conference on the Future of Europe will be used as a smokescreen to force through fundamental policy changes to the detriment of the sovereignty of the Member States;
 1. Stresses that, despite the high cost of communication campaigns to promote citizens' participation, the involvement rate in the multilingual digital platform has been particularly low; questions the democratic value that is added by the conference;
 2. Expresses concern that the conference is a political tool to further a pre-determined leftist and pro-European agenda; notes that no formal representative link exists between participants and non-participants, which creates an opportunity to play political gymnastics, both in terms of the composition and the panel topics;
 3. Expresses its concern about the possibility of manipulation of online democratic processes, as well as the issue of self-selection bias on the part of the participants; recommends, therefore, terminating the conference in its entirety.