

**Question for written answer E-002935/2021
to the Commission**

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Subject: Transparency and funding of the Conference on the Future of Europe

Last year the European Parliament offered funding opportunities for activities linked to the Conference on the Future of Europe¹². Social media campaigns indicate that taxpayers' money is being used to generate youth and civil society engagement as well as media coverage of the conference³.

A majority of Parliament voted to reject a 'commitment to full transparency' relating to the funding of the conference⁴. EU institutions use separate budgets to finance the conference, and no information pertaining to the financing or grants awarded in connection with the conference is available on the official conference website.

Considering that transparency and openness of decision-making procedures are foundational values of the EU and essential to a system under the rule of law:

1. Can the Commission account for the total budgetary impact of the conference, and what is the breakdown of the expenditure per type of activity funded?
2. Can the Commission provide a list of all calls for proposals and tenders, and all grants awarded in relation to the conference?
3. Will it show its commitment to transparency by ensuring relevant financial information is easily accessible, for example on the 'about' page of the official conference website?

¹ <https://www.europarl.europa.eu/contracts-and-grants/files/grants/media-and-events/en-call-for-proposals-media-2020-COMM-SUBV-2020-M.pdf>.

² https://www.europarl.europa.eu/contracts-and-grants/files/grants/media-and-events/comm-subv-2020-e/call_for_proposals_engagement_2020_comm-subv-2020-e.pdf

³ http://twitter.com/JEF_Europe/status/1388132276307906560

⁴ A9-0044/2021 – Amendment 5: 329 MEPs voted in favour, 360 against, and 10 abstained. P9_PV(2021)04-28(RCV)_FR.docx