The Commission refers to its answer to parliamentary question E-1181/22 as regards the selection criteria set out for the participants in the European Citizens’ Panels and would like to underline that people from a broad range of backgrounds, as well as people of different ethnic origins, participated in the Panels and the Plenaries.

The Commission does not have detailed information about the composition of the national panels.

The Commission underlines again that the Conference was a new space for debate with citizens to address Europe’s challenges and priorities. It had no legislative powers. The Commission underlines that the citizens who were involved in the Citizens’ Panels were randomly selected and did not represent vested interests. For reasons of data protection, the names of the citizens have not been published.