

**Question for written answer E-001161/2022/rev.1
to the Commission**

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Subject: Lack of diversity among the citizens selected to participate in the Conference on the Future of Europe

The aim of the Conference on the Future of Europe is to identify the EU's future priorities by randomly selecting citizens and giving them the opportunity to influence decisions in different policy areas. Kantar supposedly performed an unbiased selection of participants, taking into account geographic location, gender, age and socioeconomic background.

However, after an analysis of the participants' background, it seems diversity is not guaranteed in terms of migration background, sexual orientation, gender identity, education level and economic income. In particular, the Conference lacks the crucial input of ordinary day-to-day workers such as teachers, farmers or working class labourers.

Participants from national panels unsurprisingly show a strong bias in favour of the federalist option, as most of them have clear ties to political federalist associations. Although this is not Kantar's responsibility, as it did not select citizens for national panels, it nevertheless influenced and skewed the outcome of the debate. In terms of diversity, it appears that plenary debates also lack the presence of people from minority and immigrant backgrounds.

Therefore, will the Commission publish the full list of names of individuals who have been involved in this legislative process, as well as revealing any vested interests?