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Subject: Evidence of direct citizen engagement with the Commission

As we are midway through the legislative period, I would like to revisit my exchange with Commissioner Šefčovič during his parliamentary hearing as Commissioner-designate. During the hearing, I drew attention to his responsibility, as formulated by Commission President Ursula von der Leyen, to ‘strengthen the links between people and the institutions that serve them’. Since then, the need to enhance citizen involvement has only grown stronger, as the pandemic has placed public trust in political institutions under increased strain.

Therefore, I would like to ask about the progress the Commission has made in this area since Mr Šefčovič assumed his role as Commissioner.

1. Apart from the Conference on the Future of Europe, can the Commission please detail some concrete successes it has had in reaching the European population and involving it in the EU policymaking process?

2. Can it provide evidence of how citizen participation has had a direct impact on proposals formulated by the Commission?

3. Finally, how would the Commission advise a normal European citizen who wanted to change EU policy?