

Question for written answer E-002509/2023
to the Council
Rule 138
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Subject: The Council's contribution to the Conference on the Future of Europe (CoFE)

The Commission, the Council and Parliament jointly sponsored the CoFE last year. I recently asked all three EU institutions what costs they had incurred for this. Both the Commission and Parliament responded by telling me exactly what amounts they had invested in the CoFE. However, I did not receive a specific amount from the Council. Instead, I received the following reply (E-001637/2023):

'The Council had no specific budget for the Conference and contributed with the funds available. The Council provided non-financial assistance to the Conference, using services and facilities already available.'

In the interests of transparency and democratic accountability before the citizens of Europe, whom I represent, could the Council please specify the total costs incurred for these 'already available' resources, services and facilities provided to the CoFE?

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