The Conference on the Future of Europe began its work last month. It is due to be completed by March 2022 at the earliest.

The assembly is composed of 108 MEPs, 54 representatives of the Council, 3 Members of the Commission, 108 representatives of national parliaments, 16 representatives of the social partners and civil society, and 108 members of the public.

In addition to plenary meetings, the Conference on the Future of Europe also encompasses a multilingual online platform on which people in the EU can share their vision of the future of Europe. In France there are also plans to hold ‘citizen’s consultations’ in the autumn.

Although public participation in the debate is still the major unknown factor, the platform, which went online in mid-April, had attracted more than 17 700 participants by mid-June.

1. Has the Commission carried out an overall assessment of the costs of the Conference on the Future of Europe (web platform, administration, room rental, travel and subsistence expenses)?

2. Will EU programmes such as Erasmus, DiscoverEU and the European Solidarity Corps be used? And if so, to what extent?