
Conference on the Future of Europe: inaugural event in Strasbourg on 9 May

The inaugural event to launch the Conference on the Future of Europe will take place in the European Parliament in Strasbourg on Europe Day, Sunday 9 May.

When: Sunday, 9 May, 14.00 - 15.30

Where: European Parliament in Strasbourg

The [prprogrammeogramme](#) will last an hour and a half. It will feature a welcome speech by French President Emmanuel Macron, as well as speeches by Presidents Sassoli, von der Leyen and Prime Minister Costa, representing the EU Institutions alongside short interventions by the Conference Executive Board's co-chairs. Contributions via video link from citizens and civil society are also planned, as well as musical performances by Violinist Renaud Capuçon and Karski quartet. The launch will link to Europe Day events across the Member states.

27 Erasmus students from all member states will be present in the Parliament's hemicycle, and around 300 citizens invited to attend remotely will be present through large TV screens.

Ministers for European affairs and other VIP guests will also join remotely.

Please find the detailed programme [here](#).

COVID-19 prevention measures

Journalists can attend, provided they strictly follow the health restrictions and measures put in place by the French authorities and the European Parliament. Any media physically present at the event are requested to respect social distancing of 1.5 m while on EP premises and to wear a medical face mask at all times.

Audio-visual coverage

The opening ceremony of the Conference on the Future of Europe will be broadcast live on [EbS+](#) (clean feed) from 13:30 to 15.30 CET [Ebs](#) will broadcast a signal with captions (ready to broadcast)

The ceremony will also be web streamed on Parliament's [multimedia centre](#) and EBS . on Parliament's [Facebook](#) page and [twitter](#) account @Europarl_EN.

The video, audio and photo coverage will be available to download in "live replay" on the Multimedia Centre:

https://multimedia.europarl.europa.eu/en/conference-on-future-of-europe-inaugural-event_18901_pk.

Accreditation

Annual press badges (either inter-institutional badges or EP badges) are valid.

Journalists without an access badge need to request accreditation before 8 May (18.00) via the [journalist registration website](#).

Badges can then be collected at the main entrance of the Louise Weiss building as of 7:00 on 9 May. For any question linked to the accreditation procedure please contact:

Media Accreditation

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Access

Media access will be facilitated through the main entrance to the Louise Weiss building. The doors will open at 7:00am on Sunday 9th May. The separate press entrance will be closed.

Working areas

The following areas will be accessible for journalists:

- Working space and access to the video feed inside the press room,
- Press gallery of the chamber. (The chamber itself will not be accessible to journalists and cameramen).
- Media space outside the Hemicycle for video recording (booking required)

Wi-Fi will be available in all parts of the building. The login and password will be communicated on the day itself.

Audiovisual facilities (booking required)

The following audiovisual services will be provided:

- Live camera positions in self-service near the chamber. Each media is to bring its own equipment and cabling; power and internet broadband connection will be available
- Multimedia studio

To allow us to best facilitate your work, please send in your requests before Saturday 8 May 13:00 to avplanning@europarl.europa.eu . Please note that the usual range of audio-visual facilities (TV and radio studios, crews, editing ...) will not be available.

Photo Opportunities (restricted access, registration required)

Photo and video pools will be organised for the:

- Official arrival (access exclusively reserved for cameramen and photographers on the podium at the protocol arrival area upon registration - See contact below)
- Photo opportunity in the hemicycle (access exclusively reserved for photographers upon registration - See contact below)
- Chamber (access exclusively reserved for photo agencies)

All journalists will be able to follow the Live coverage from the Press Room screens and via [EP Live](#) and [EBS+](#).

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