

Conference on the Future of Europe

Report on the final outcome

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On 9 May 2022, after months of intense deliberations, the Conference on the Future of Europe concluded its work, putting forward a report on the final outcome that includes 49 proposals to the three EU Institutions: European Parliament, the Council of the European Union, the European Commission. The proposals reflect the recommendations and aspirations of European citizens on the future of Europe. The Institutions will now examine swiftly how to follow up effectively on this report, each within their own sphere of competences and in accordance with the Treaties.



“ The Conference has spoken. Now the question is how to turn conclusions into reality. People have a European dream and believe the future of this continent lies in the European Union. But they have criticism on the way it works, or does not work, as shown in the citizens’ recommendations. Let’s make the Conference a historic event! The only way to be true to the conclusions of the Conference is to call for a Convention. ”

Guy Verhofstadt,
Co-Chair of the Conference Executive Board



“ The Conference has been a pioneering exercise. It has enabled European citizens to define their vision of Europe for the decades to come. Their proposals – the European institutions are now responsible for turning them into tangible actions – reflect a desire for a more sovereign and bolder Union based on common values such as the rule of law, solidarity and environment-friendliness. We must live up to their expectations. ”

Clément Beaune,
Co-Chair of the Conference Executive Board



“ The Conference on the Future of Europe has given us a blueprint for the future, inspiring us to engage with citizens across Europe. When we began this journey, we wanted citizens to be at its heart. I am delighted that they seized the opportunity, responding with great dedication and delivering recommendations that have led to the adoption of 49 consensual proposals. We have listened, our own work to follow up begins now. ”

Dubravka Šuica,
Co-Chair of the Conference Executive Board



“ All of us were thrown out of our everyday lives and were catapulted into a truly incredible and unique experience. We are European citizens, we believed in it and we still believe in it. (...) In eight months we have learned a lot about the EU and now we know what is at stake. We are calling for far-reaching actions, both real and symbolic. We are pleased that our proposals are being heard with a serious commitment to put them into practice. ”

Valentina Balzani, European Citizens’ Panel, Italy



“ We citizens made four important points on climate and the environment, including a fast transition to green energy, a sustainable circular economy, sustainable agriculture and encouraging green transition in other countries. We demand these proposals are implemented to make Europe a liveable place for all citizens. If we make climate change a priority, we can look forward to a prosperous future. ”

Péter Csákai-Szőke, European Citizens’ Panel, Hungary



“ Young people play a crucial role within society. Today’s change is needed to ensure a livable, fair and bright future. There is no future without the youth, but there is no youth without future prospects. We need hardworking and well-willing policymakers to guarantee a transparent follow-up from the three Institutions. We need to make sure that the opinions, dreams, and ideas of European citizens are reflected fairly. Let this be the beginning of a constructive and on-going European dialogue! ”

Leah Corsmit and Leverne Nijman, National Citizens’ Panel, the Netherlands

Input from the Multilingual Digital Platform and the European and National Citizens' Panels



52,346
Platform
participants

652,532
Event
participants

17,671
Ideas

21,877
Comments

6,465
Events

72,528
Endorsements



178 Recommendations from
four European Citizens' Panels

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Recommendations from
six National Citizens' Panels
(Belgium, France, Germany, Italy, Lithuania and
the Netherlands).

7 Plenary meetings of the Conference on the Future of Europe



49 Proposals under 9 themes



On 9 May, a report on the final outcome of the Conference delivered
to the Presidents of the three Institutions

Follow-up by the EU Institutions