



Conference on the **Future** of **Europe**

Results, follow-up and the role of regions and cities

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Future of Europe: positions and agendas



European Parliament



Council of the EU



European Commission

2015

June: [The Five President's Report: Completing Europe's Economic and Monetary Union](#)

2017

March: [White Paper on the Future of Europe](#)

2018

Jan 2018-April 2019: [EP debates with Heads of State and Government on the future of Europe](#)

Oct: [EP vision on the future of Europe](#)

2019

Feb: [EP Resolution on the future of Europe](#)

May: [Leaders' Agenda 2019-2024](#)

April: [Report on citizens' dialogues and consultations](#)

July: [Conference on the Future of Europe](#) proposal

2020

15 Jan: [Position on the Conference](#)

24 June: [Position on the Conference](#)

22 Jan: [Position on the Conference](#)

Dec: [Joint Conclusions on policy objectives and priorities 2020-2024](#)

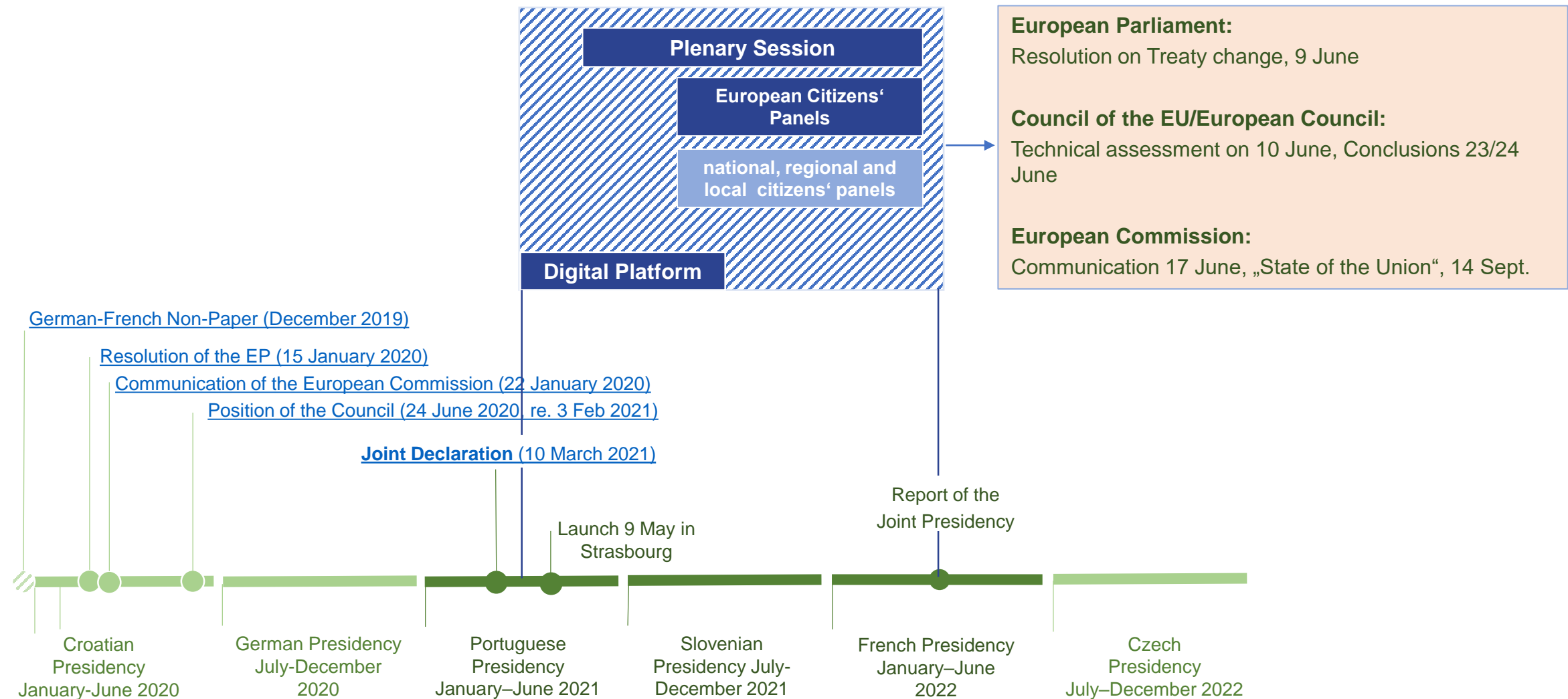
2021

9 May 2021-April 2022 (tbc): [Conference on the Future of Europe](#)

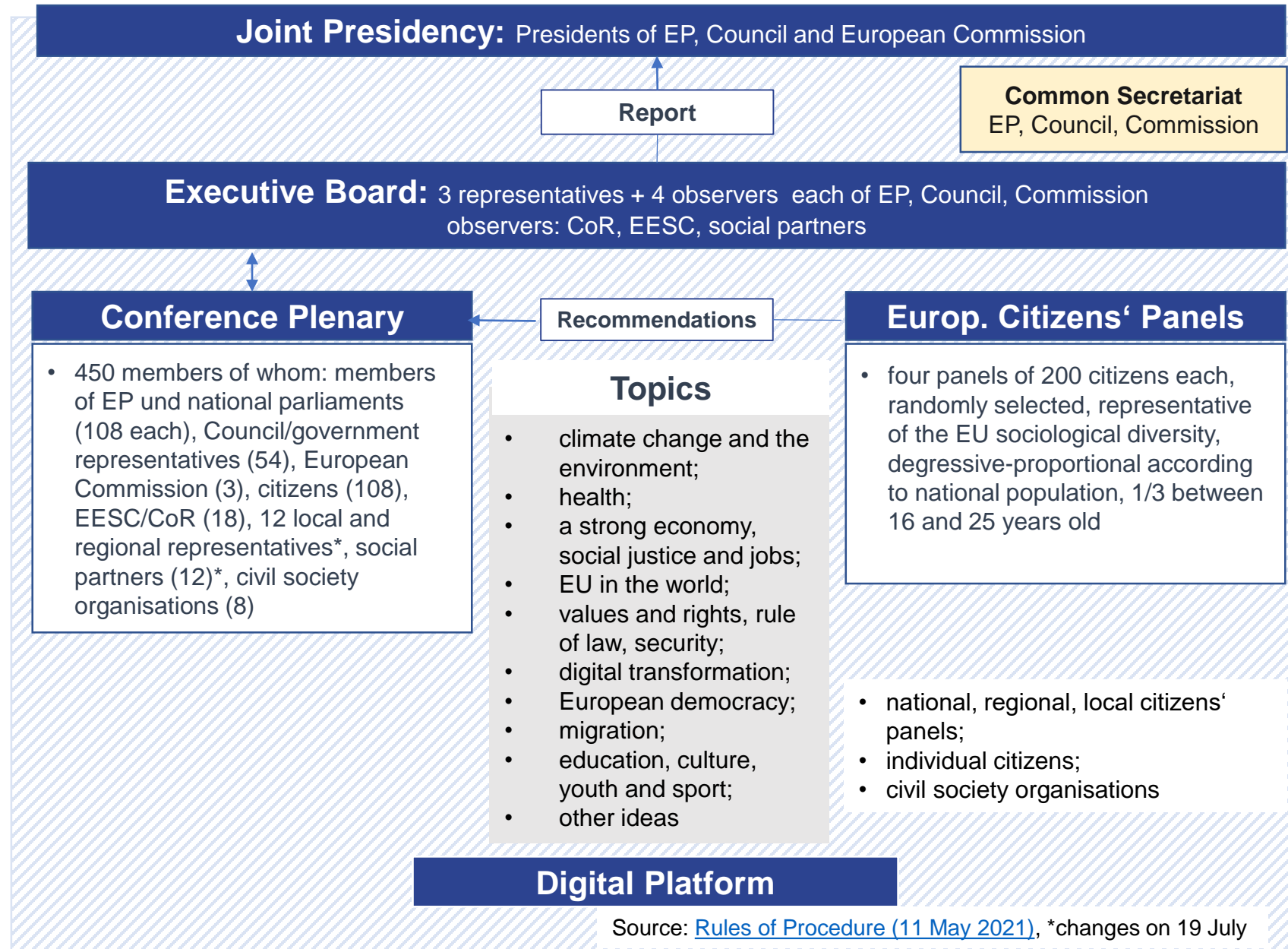
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Own presentation (Oct. 2021)

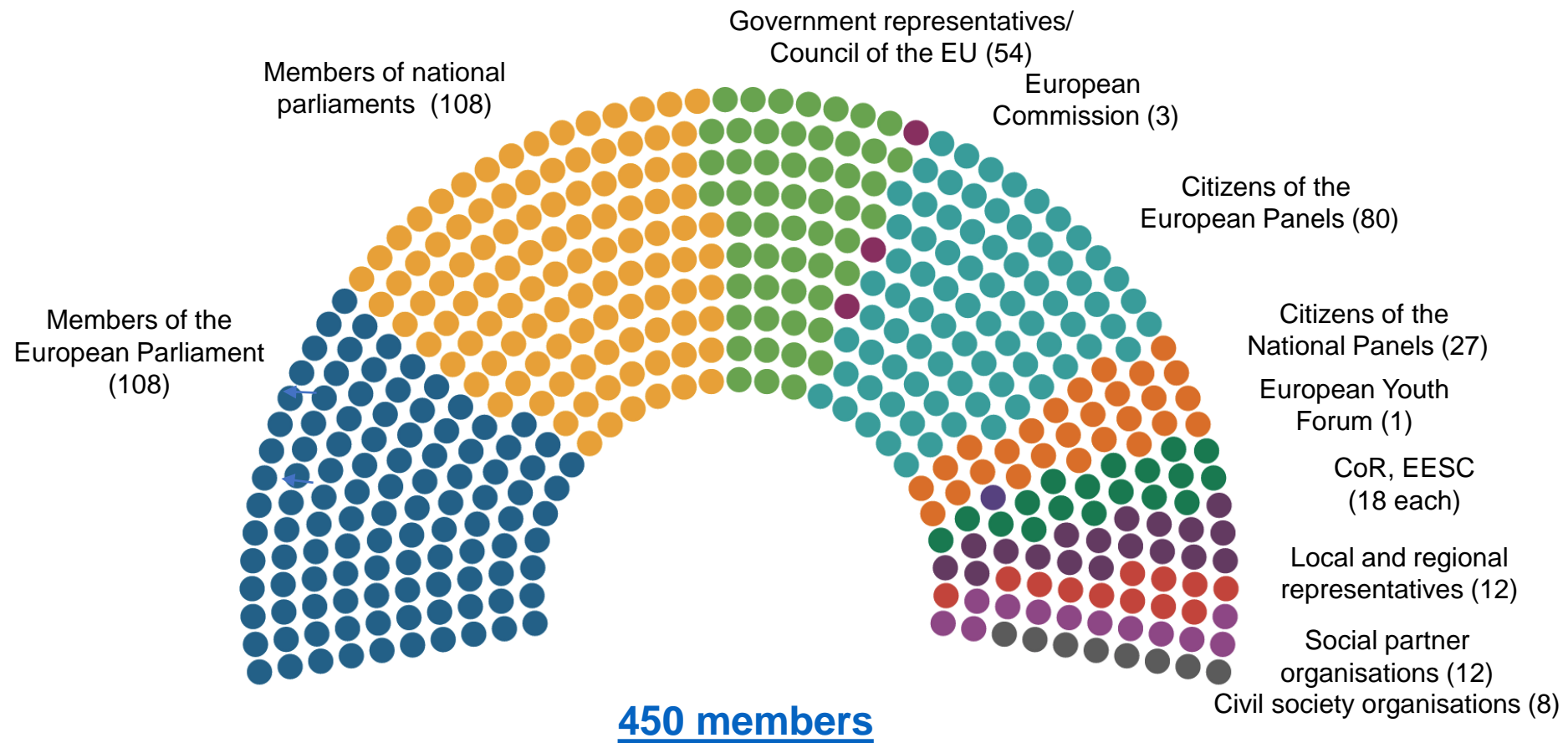
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Conference on the Future of Europe: organisation and topics

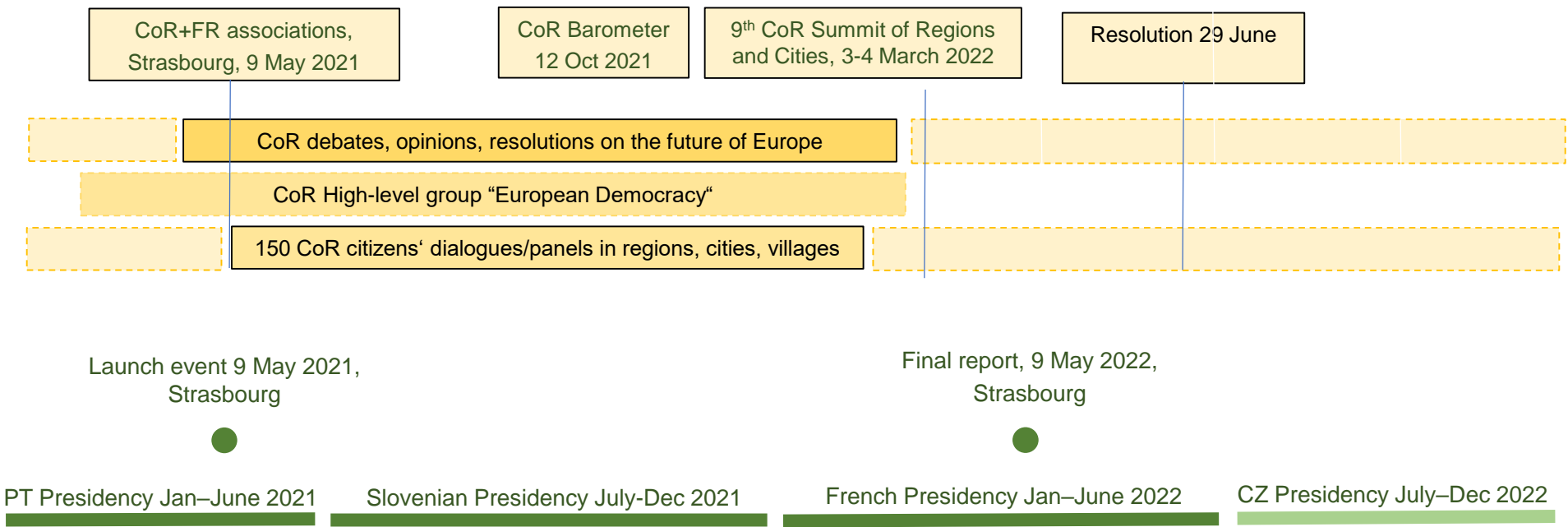


Conference on the Future of Europe: Plenary



CoR activities during the Conference

CoR members	CoR bodies	CoR communication
<ul style="list-style-type: none">• 18 CoR members in the Plenary and the President in the Executive Board (observer);• upon CoR proposal: 12 additional local and regional politicians in the Plenary.	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• debates during sessions of the CoR Plenary, the Commissions, and the Bureau;• debates by the CoP;• final event: 9th CoR Summit/Plenary on 3-4 March 2022 in Marseille	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• cooperation with EU institutions, EDICs and associations;• online communication;• local, cross-border and inter-regional citizens' panels and events;• surveys.



CoR-Bertelsmann project 2021-2022



Follow-up: What does the European Commission suggest?

European Commission Communication of 17 June 2022 (extract)

- ▶ Dedicating time and resources to organise citizens' panels with the aim to deep-dive into a select number of key themes and help prepare particularly important sets of key initiatives and receive feedback from ahead of launch of legislative process;
- ▶ Organising smaller targeted deliberative or co-creation/co-design processes, run in a smaller scale, to address specific policy issues more cost-effectively and in a timelier way;
- ▶ Help to build capacity amongst national, regional and local actors to launch a new generation of decentralised citizens' dialogues based on deliberative approaches;
- ▶ Develop a European Charter for Citizens' Participation targeted at all those who participate in or organise citizen engagement activities promoting the general principles that are essential for successful citizen engagement;

What will the CoR do?

- Conference on how to link the levels of democracy on 27 June together with the Bertelsmann Foundation
- Resolution to be adopted and debate with Guy Verhofstadt on 29 June during the Plenary
- Capacity-building and networking: engaging with cities, regions, European associations and the EU institutions (as of September 2022)