

for their disappointment. Therefore, the task of responsible political leaders is to answer why Europe should exist. And the answer to this question can only be given by providing concrete results on the ground, that improve people's lives and demonstrate the added value of Europe.

Dear friends, dear young people,

I invite you to get involved in the life of your local communities, and to participate in elections. Elections are first and foremost a matter of trust. The statistics of the last ten years show that citizens trust in three levels of elected officials: European, national and regional/local. However, these three levels of trust are interconnected and can only succeed if they reinforce each other. If one of these levels is missing, the whole European House of Democracy collapses.

Your participation is vital for all three levels of democratic trust. The future is in your hands - and in our hands. Let us build it together! Let no one else take these decisions for you!

Find the programme and recorded event on the [CoR webpage](#).

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