



**European Committee  
of the Regions**

The President

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Ms Ana Paula Zacarias  
Secretary State for EU Affairs

Ms Dubravka Šuica  
Vice-President of the European Commission

Mr Guy Verhofstadt  
Member of the European Parliament

Dear Co-Chairs,

I congratulate you and your teams on the intense preparations in view of the Conference on the future of Europe.

Our members, elected mayors and presidents of regions, will be happy to contribute to it and to attend the first Conference plenary on 19 June. We welcome the strong involvement of citizens and of youth representatives.

In the light of the decision of the Executive Board of the Conference on the Future of Europe to allocate to the European Committee of the Regions 18 seats, our Bureau has decided on the 28<sup>th</sup> of May 2021 to nominate a delegation based on the following criteria: representativeness of political affiliation, geographical balance, representativeness of the different levels of sub-national authorities and gender balance. Regarding this last criteria, we fully respect article 16 of the Rules of Procedure of the Conference on the Future of Europe, which requires that "the composition of the Conference plenary shall respect gender balance".

You can find attached the list of the European Committee of the Regions' delegates to the Conference on the Future of Europe.

We believe in the founding value of the European Union Democracy: δῆμος (demos) and κράτος (krátos) – the rule by the people. We trust that this principle will be properly recognised also via the elected local and regional representatives and in order to reinforce our citizens' trust in democracy.

I look forward to working with you for the success of the Conference on the future of Europe.

Yours sincerely,

Apostolos Tzitzikostas

Annex: European Committee of the Regions' Delegation to the Conference on the Future of Europe

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**European Committee of the Regions' Delegation to the Conference on the Future of Europe**

1. **Apostolos Tzitzikostas**, President of the European Committee of the Regions (Governor of the Region of Central Macedonia, Greece, President of the Association of Greek Regions)

**EPP-CoR Group**

2. **Olgierd Geblewicz**, President of the EPP Group (President of West Pomerania Region, Poland, President of the Polish Association of Regions)
3. **Jelena Drenjanin**, 1<sup>st</sup> Vice-President of the EPP Group (Vice-Mayor of Huddinge, Sweden, Chair of the Governance Committee, Congress of Local and Regional Authorities, Council of Europe)
4. **Mark Speich**, Chair of the Committee of the Regions' Commission for Citizenship, Governance, Institutional and External Affairs (Secretary of State, North Rhine-Westphalia Region, Germany)
5. **Isabel Díaz Ayuso**, President of Madrid Region, Spain
6. **Ilse Aigner**, President of the Bavarian State Parliament and CoR-delegate on behalf of the Regional Parliaments of Germany

**PES-CoR Group**

7. **Vasco Cordeiro**, 1<sup>st</sup> Vice-President of the European Committee of the Regions (Member of the Regional Parliament of Azores, Portugal)
8. **Yoomi Renström**, 1<sup>st</sup> Vice-President of the PES Group (Member of Ovanåker Municipal Council, Sweden)
9. **Concepción Andreu Rodríguez**, Vice-President of the PES Group (President of the Regional Government of La Rioja, Spain)
10. **Kata Tüttő**, Vice-President of the PES Group (Deputy major of Budapest, Hungary)
11. **Karl-Heinz Lambertz**, Chair of the European Committee of the Regions' Subsidiarity Steering Group (President of the Parliament of the German-speaking Community, Belgium)

**Renew Europe-CoR Group**

12. **Paula Fernández**, Minister for Interior, Justice and EU Affairs, Cantabria Region, Spain
13. **Mirja Vehkaperä**, Mayor of the city of Oulu, Finland
14. **François Decoster**, President of Renew Europe Group (Mayor of Saint Omer, France)

**ECR-CoR Group**

15. **Władysław Ortyl**, President of the ECR Group (Marshal of the Podkarpackie region, Poland)
16. **Roberto Ciambetti**, President of the Veneto Regional Parliament, Italy

**EA-CoR Group**

17. **Kieran McCarthy**, President of the EA Group (Member of Cork City Council, Ireland)

**The Greens-CoR Group**

18. **Muhterem Aras**, President of the State Parliament of Baden-Württemberg, Germany