



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

SUMMARY RECORD Working Group on EU in the World

**Chaired by Gunther Krichbaum at the invitation of Clement Beaune, who was absent
22 October 2021, 11:00-13:00**

1. Introductory remarks of the Chair

The meeting took place in hybrid format. Mr Krichbaum indicated Mr Beaune sent his apologies for missing the first meeting owing to pressing responsibilities at the European Council meeting that day that he was unable to miss. Mr Krichbaum first invited the representatives of the Citizens' panels to take the floor, to introduce themselves and to bring to the table what was discussed in their specific Citizen panel. The innovative nature of the Conference and this Plenary component was stressed.

2. Discussion

Citizens' panel participants were not ready to speak at the start of the meeting, so other participants kicked off the discussion and panel representatives joined in later.

Key themes addressed were:

European Neighborhood Policy and European Enlargement

- Several working group members stressed the particular importance of the Western Balkans enlargement process, and the idea of expanding without weakening the EU decision making processes, including a review of unanimity voting.

European values and vision, having the future in mind in terms of EU's place in the world

- An autonomous Europe, one that can assess and address threats quickly.
- Many stressed the idea of strong European values being present in all the EU's international engagement (whether trade, relations with other countries). These values differentiate Europe from everyone else.
- Relationships with US, Russia and China were brought up many times and Turkey was also mentioned
- Ensuring that the EU has the capacity to act (tools and decision taking procedures)

European security and defence

- Looking at the EU's relationship with NATO, is there a space where the EU can be more active while still having a focus on a peaceful but secure EU
- Make use of all the instruments available to the EU at an international level in a coordinated way

European Trade Policy and Economy



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- Concept of EU being able to impact change through trade and regulation while also ensuring the EU is a desirable place for companies to do business
- Asserting itself among big players like China and the US

Citizen and non-citizen members of the Working Group also brought up other issues, with several speakers elaborating on the need to increase participation in European elections and to involve citizens better in the period between the elections. The importance of better communication and



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education on democracy was raised, as well as the need to ensure transparency in EU the decision-making process.

3. Concluding remarks of the Chair

The Chair acknowledged that there was a push from all members of the Working Group to solidify the structure of discussions. In future meetings, it will be critical to define the key blocks/topics, which could be discussed one by one, each starting with a citizen representative from the citizens' panel. He also supported other members in wanting to ensure something useful and specific is brought to Plenary from this working group. Panel and Platform reports would be a good source of this structure along with this meeting's reflections. The chair noted that he was a last minute replacement for the permanent chair, Mr Beaune, and that Mr Beaune would be informed of the insight from this meeting in order to ensure future meetings deliver what is expected.

ANNEX II. List of members of the Working Group on EU in the World



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CHAIR: Clément BEAUNE (Hans DAHLGREN as of 1.1.2022)

Dr.	Francisco	ALDECOA	National citizens panels/events
Ms	Concepción	ANDREAU RODRIGUEZ	Committee of the Regions
Mr	Olivier	BALDAUFF	Council
Mr	Clément	BEAUNE	Council
Ms	Simone	BEISSEL	National Parliaments
Ms	Rozalia-Ibolya	BIRO	National Parliaments
Mr	Séamus	BOLAND	European Economic and Social Committee
Mr	Josep	BORRELL	European Commission/EEAS
Mr	Mansef	CAMPOS	European citizens panels
Mr	Fabio Massimo	CASTALDO	European Parliament
Mr	Włodzimierz	CIMOSZEWICZ	European Parliament
Ms	Deirdre	CLUNE	European Parliament
Mr	Péter	CSAKAI-SZOKE	European citizens panels
Mr	Hans	DAHLGREN	Council
Mr	Benedetto	DELLA VEDOVA	Council
Ms	Verena	DUNST	Local/Regional representative
Mr	Christian	FEUSTEL	Social Partners
Mr	Carlo	FIDANZA	European Parliament
Mr	Domagoj	HAJDUKOVIĆ	National Parliaments
Ms	Stephanie	HARTUNG	National citizens panels/events
Ms	Danuta	HÜBNER	European Parliament
Ms	Gisèle	JOURDA	National Parliaments
Mr	Eric	JULIEN	European citizens panels
Ms	Roelien	KAMMINGA	National Parliaments
Mr	Bogdan	KLICH	National Parliaments
Mr	Rihards	KOLS	National Parliaments
Mr	Gunther	KRICHBAUM	National Parliaments
Mr	Andrius	KUBILIUS	European Parliament
Mr	Ilhan	KYUCHYUK	European Parliament
Ms	Hélène	LAPORTE	European Parliament
Mr	Jaak	MADISON	European Parliament
Mr	Costas	MAVRIDES	European Parliament
Ms	Klaudia	MAZUR	European citizens panels
Ms	Dajana	MILINKOVIC	European citizens panels
Mr	Ruairí	Ó Murchú	National Parliaments
Mr	Ali	OUACH	European citizens panels
Mr	Jouni	OVASKA	National Parliaments
Prof.	George	PAGOULATOS	National citizens panels/events
Ms	Georgia	PARPOSZ	European citizens panels
Ms	Inês	PASCOAL DA SILVA	European citizens panels
Mr	Tonino	PICULA	European Parliament
Mr	Nik	PREBIL	National Parliaments
Mr	Kornelios	S. KORNELIOU	Council
Mr	Pavel	SKULIL	European citizens panels



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Mr	Mark	SPEICH	Committee of the Regions
Ms	Klaudia	SZEMEREYNE PATAKI	Local/Regional representative
Mr	Kim	VALENTIN	National Parliaments
Ms	Ymare	VAN DER SLUIS	European citizens panels
Ms	Viola	VON CRAMON-TAUABADEL	European Parliament
Ms	Sophie	WILMES	Council
Ms	Janica	YLIKARJULA	European Economic and Social Committee