



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

SUMMARY RECORD

Working Group on A stronger economy, social justice and jobs

Chaired by Iratxe García Pérez, European Parliament

7 April 2022, 18:00-20:00

1) Opening by the Chair

The meeting took place in a hybrid format and was web-streamed. The chair introduced the revised draft proposals that had been circulated the day before the meeting. She specified the document had been adjusted compared to the version circulated earlier that week following bilateral consultations and hoped that with these last changes, the compromise would be acceptable to all parties around the table. She noted that this had taken a lot of hard work, to on the one hand keep the recommendations from the citizens and the strong social agenda therein, while combining it with elements requested by other Working Group Members in order to result in a balanced compromise.

2) Intervention by the Spokesperson and Deputy Spokesperson

The spokesperson took note of the hard work by the Chair and her team and indicated that what was the most important for the citizens is that the strong social agenda that came out of their recommendations remained in the proposals, which was still the case. As to the latest changes, she stressed that the proposed Advisory Competitiveness Body would not be representative of all citizens, as the social partners do not normally represent those out of work. The deputy spokesperson signalled that the two sentences at the end of the introduction added in the latest draft could be seen as challenging the broad consensus that existed between the recommendations of the European Citizens' Panel and the different National Citizens' Panels. He also welcomed that some unclear recommendations from the Italian Panel were no longer in the latest version of the text

3) Discussion on the revised draft proposals, as per the annex, with a view to presenting revised draft proposals to the Plenary on 8-9 April 2022

The vast majority of the Members welcomed the compromise presented by the Chair and thanked the citizens and the Chair for their hard work. At the same time most speakers noted that the text was a compromise and that it included elements that they liked and elements that they did not like. In addition some Members proposed changes to the text. The Chair insisted that any changes should not alter the balance of the text, given how fine a compromise it was and that consensus on those changes had to be found during the meeting itself. The following changes were agreed during the meeting:



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- Adjusting Proposal 2 Measure XX (Competitiveness Check) to include gender equality and the Paris Agreement, as well as broadening the governance of the proposed Advisory Competitiveness Body to also include organised civil society.
- Adjusting the *objective* of Proposal 1 to speak about "considering" rather than "without ignoring" the green and digital transitions;
- Adding "local production and consumption" in Proposal 1 Measure I;
- Changing the word "readjusting" to "reviewing" in Proposal 1 Measure III;
- Referring to all four freedoms in Proposal 2 Measure XIX (adding "people" and "capital");
- Including a measure to speak of "free movement of education" (in Proposal V); and
- Adding references to the Multilingual Digital Platform for Proposal V Measures VIII and IX.

In addition a couple of Members suggested improving the transparency in the final document when it comes to the referencing in measures that came out of the discussions of the Working Group.

4) Closing by the Chair

The chair thanked everyone for their constructive attitude and in particular the citizens for their hard work in this difficult setting. She announced the adjustments to be made in the final document and asked all speakers to endorse the document, with the changes following the Working Group, in the Plenary on Saturday 9 April.

The Spokesperson thanked everyone for their positive engagement and welcomed the adjustment in the governance of the European Advisory Competitiveness Body.



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ANNEX. List of members of the Working Group on A stronger economy, social justice and jobs

Chair: Iratxe GARCÍA PÉREZ (European Parliament)
Spokesperson: Camila JENSEN
Deputy Spokesperson: Eoin STAFFORD

Title	First Name	Last Name	Component
Mr	Vincenzo	AMENDOLA	Council
Ms	Clotilde	ARMAND	Local/Regional representative
Ms	Manon	AUBRY	European Parliament
Ms	Regina	BASTOS	National citizens panels/events
Ms	Nicola	BEER	European Parliament
Mr	Markus	BEYRER	Social Partners
Ms	Gabriele	BISCHOFF	European Parliament
Ms	Maret Michaela	BRUNNERT	European citizens panels
Mr	Christian	BUCHMANN	National Parliaments
Mr	Jan	CHLUP	National citizens panels/events
Ms	Rosianne	CUTAJAR	National Parliaments
Ms	Helena	DALLI	European Commission
Ms	Elisa	GAMBARDELLA	Civil Society
Ms	Iratxe	GARCÍA PÉREZ	European Parliament
Mr	Wopke	HOEKSTRA	Council
Mr	Roman	HAIDER	European Parliament
Ms	Eveliina	HEINÄLUOMA	National Parliaments
Mr	Michiel	HOOGEVEEN	European Parliament
Ms	Meira	HOT	National Parliaments
Ms	Camila Isabelle Chalotte	JENSEN	European citizens panels
Ms	Marina	KALJURAND	European Parliament
Mr	Siim	KALLAS	National Parliaments
Mr	Joémy	LINDAU	European citizens panels
Mr	Stefano	MALLIA	European Economic and Social Committee
Ms	Vladimíra	MARCINKOVÁ	National Parliaments
Ms	Mairead	MCGUINNESS	European Commission
Ms	Andreja	METELKO-ZGOMBIC	Council
Ms	Roberta	METSOLA	European Parliament
Mr	Radu-Mihai	MIHAIL	National Parliaments
Ms	Lucía	MUÑOZ	National Parliaments
Mr	Siegfried	MUREŞAN	European Parliament
Mr	Niklas Hendrik	NIENASS	European Parliament
Ms	Leverne	NIJMAN	National citizens panels/events
Ms	Marina	NIKOLAOU	National Parliaments



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Mr	Władysław	ORTYL	Committee or the Regions
Mr	Kacper	PAROL	European citizens panels
Ms	Sirpa	PIETIKÄINEN	European Parliament
Mr	Neale	RICHMOND	National Parliaments
Mr	Vibe	RØMER WESTH	Council
Mr	Oliver	RÖPKE	European Economic and Social Committee
Mr	Christophe	ROUILLON	Committee or the Regions
Mr	Vladimír	ŠORF	European citizens panels
Mr	Eoin	STAFFORD	European citizens panels
Mr	Andres	SUTT	Council
Ms	Katja	TRILLER VRTOVEC	Council
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Ms	Monika	VANA	European Parliament
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