



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

Summary report of the tenth meeting of the Executive Board of the Conference on the Future of Europe

Tuesday 26 April 2022

17:00 to 18:00, Europa Building (room S3, hybrid meeting)

Participants: please see the list of participants in annex.

Summary and conclusions:

The Executive Board of the Conference on the Future of Europe held its tenth meeting on 26 April 2022 in hybrid format. The meeting was co-chaired by Member of the European Parliament, Guy VERHOFSTADT, French Secretary of State for EU Affairs, Clément BEAUNE, and Commission Vice-President for Democracy and Demography, Dubravka ŠUICA.

The Executive Board endorsed the agenda of the 29-30 April Conference Plenary.

The Executive Board received information on the preparation of the Plenary and the state of play on the proposals. An exchange of views among the members and observers followed with no changes to the text.

1. Endorsement of the proposed agenda for the Plenary on 29-30 April 2022

Clément Beaune (Co-Chair) chaired this agenda point. He outlined the agenda for the Plenary on 29-30 April 2022 and proposed that the Executive Board should endorse it.

A representative of social partners asked for assurances that the representatives of the EU advisory bodies, elected representatives of regional and local authorities, social partners and civil society would also be given the floor during the Plenary.

Guy Verhofstadt (Co-Chair) confirmed that the different representatives would be able to intervene.

Clément Beaune (Co-Chair) concluded that the agenda of the Conference Plenary of 29-30 April was endorsed.

Conclusion:

The Executive Board endorsed the agenda of the 29-30 April Conference Plenary.

2. Preparation of the Plenary on 29-30 April 2022

2.1 Information by the Co-Chairs

Dubravka Šuica (Co-Chair) chaired this agenda point. She gave an overview of the detailed roll-out of the upcoming Plenary meeting.

2.2 State of play on the proposals

Taken jointly with point 2.3 of the agenda.

2.3 Exchange of views

Guy Verhofstadt (Co-Chair) chaired this agenda point. He gave an overview of the state of play on the proposals of the Plenary.

The Executive Board exchanged views on the work on the proposals of the Working Group on 'European democracy'. The Chair of the Working Group informed about four pending points following the last Working Group meeting, i.e. a reference to civil society, including youth, a reference to the right of veto in the Council, a reference to voting from the age of 16, and a reference to the budgetary rights of the EP.

In the following exchange of views:

- A few speakers said that they did not have a mandate to express a position on the substance of the proposals in the Executive Board.
- Some participants considered that the text should remain as it was circulated by the Working Group Chair.
- Others insisted that on the outstanding points the comments received from the citizens in the Working Group should be taken as a basis.
- More generally, a number of speakers emphasised the importance that the citizens' input is the basis for proposals.
- One speaker took the view that the draft proposals on which the four components could not agree should not be included in the text.

The Executive Board did not make any changes to the text.

Conclusion:

The Executive Board received the information on the preparation of the Plenary and the state of play on the proposals. An exchange of views among the members and observers followed with no changes to the text.

Under any other business point, Dubravka Šuica (Co-Chair) pleaded towards involving the representatives of the Western Balkans in the final Plenary. Guy Verhofstadt agreed and (Co-Chair) proposed to discuss it among Co-Chairs after the meeting. One participant enquired about the future of the Digital Platform and favoured its continuation. Guy Verhofstadt (Co-Chair) informed that this was being currently examined.

Next meeting:

The Executive Board agreed to reconvene ahead of the 9 May event.

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EXECUTIVE BOARD MEETING CONFERENCE ON THE FUTURE OF EUROPE
Tuesday 26 April 2022;17:00 to 18:00, seat of the Council of the European Union
(Europa Building S3, hybrid meeting)

PARTICIPANTS LIST

Yellow : confirmed physical presence

Green : confirmed remote presence

CO-CHAIR	Mr Guy VERHOFSTADT Member of the European Parliament (Renew Europe, BE)
CO-CHAIR	Mr Clément BEAUNE (FR) Secretary of State for EU Affairs
CO-CHAIR	Ms Dubravka ŠUICA Vice-President of the European Commission
MEMBER	Mr Mikuláš BEK (CZ) State Secretary for EU Affairs
MEMBER	Mr Hans DAHLGREN (SE) Minister for EU Affairs
MEMBER	Mr Manfred WEBER Member of the European Parliament (EPP, DE)
MEMBER	Ms Věra JOUROVÁ Vice-President of the European Commission
OBSERVER	Mr Hendrik van de Velde Special Envoy
OBSERVER	Mr Pascual NAVARRO (ES) Secretary of State for EU Affairs
OBSERVER	Ms Boglárka Bólya Secretary of State for EU Affairs
OBSERVER	Mr Gerolf ANNEMANS Member of the European Parliament (ID, BE)
OBSERVER	Mr Daniel FREUND Member of the European Parliament (Verdes/ALE, DE)
OBSERVER	Mr Zdzisław KRASNODEBSKI Member of the European Parliament (ECR, PL)
OBSERVER	Mr Helmut SCHOLZ Member of the European Parliament (The Left, DE)

OBSERVER COSAC	Marko POGACNIK SI Drzavni Zbor
OBSERVER (EESC) Invited	Ms Christa SCHWENG President of the European Economic and Social Committee
OBSERVER (SGI Europe) Invited	Ms Valeria Ronzitti Secretary General of SGI Europe
OBSERVER (ETUC) Invited	Mr Luca VISENTINI Secretary General of ETUC
CO-HEAD OF COMMON SECRETARIAT	Ms Marta ARPIO
CO-HEAD OF COMMON SECRETARIAT	Mr Guillaume McLAUGHLIN
CO-HEAD OF COMMON SECRETARIAT	Mr Colin SCICLUNA

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MEMBER	Ms Iratxe Garcia Perez Member of the European Parliament (S&D, ES)
MEMBER	Mr Maros SEFCOVIC Vice-President of the European Commission
OBSERVER	Konrad SZYMAŃSKI (PL) State Secretary for EU Affairs
OBSERVER COSAC	David SMOLJAK CZ Senate
OBSERVER COSAC	Ondrej BENESIK, CZ national assembly
OBSERVER COSAC	Sabine THILLAYE Assemblée nationale
OBSERVER COSAC	Jean-François RAPIN, FR Senate
OBSERVER COSAC	Bojan Kekec SI Drzavni Svet
OBSERVER invited	Apostolos TZITZIKOSTAS President of the Committee of the Regions