

Conference on the Future of Europe

Dear Member Cities,

The UBC Brussels antenna strives to connect the UBC member cities with European stakeholders, thus increasing involvement in dialogues with citizens and various stakeholders across Europe and beyond. In light of this, we would like to bring to your attention an opportunity to engage your community. The **Conference on the Future of Europe** has been launched to debate on Europe's challenges and priorities. European citizens, from all walks of life and corners of the Union as well as European, national, regional and local authorities, civil society and other organisations are invited to organise events and contribute ideas, with an emphasis on young people playing a central role in shaping the future of the European project. .

I. How to engage?

Decentralized events are one of the key components of the Conference – online, in-person and hybrid events will be held by people and organizations as well as national, regional and local authorities across Europe. We ask you to choose from a comprehensive range of topics and let the Conference organisers know your opinion. Your ideas will be collected, analysed, monitored and published on the platform during the Conference and feed into the discussions taking place within the European citizens' Panels and the Plenaries.

A feedback mechanism will ensure that the ideas expressed during the Conference events will result in concrete recommendations for EU-level action. The final outcome of the Conference will be presented in a report to the Joint Presidency.¹

The Conference on the Future of Europe event will focus on **citizens' ideas** and the active involvement of participants. While appropriate experts will be consulted in order to frame the issue or as fact-checkers, the event will not be conducted as a top-down expert meeting and will be accessible to people who are not familiar with public debates and the topic discussed.²

II. Topics:

- Climate change and the environment
- Health
- A stronger economy, social justice and jobs
- EU in the world
- Values and rights, rule of law, security
- Digital transformation
- European democracy
- Migration
- Education, culture, youth and sport
- Other ideas

¹ <https://futureu.europa.eu/>

² https://futureu.europa.eu/uploads/decidim/attachment/file/328/Step-by-step_guide_for_event_organisers.080421.pdf

III. Step by step:

Step 1: Until 1st of August 2021, please register on the Conference on the Future of Europe platform. Go to futureu.europa.eu and add your event to the map.³ For this, you will need a Title, Description and Registration URL (Link to the external registration system).

Step 2: Until 15th of August, please prepare the agenda, information, and documents for the participants.

Step 3: 1st of September, Host the event⁴

Step 4: 10th of September, Submit the report on the platform.

IV. Related links:

Step by step event preparation:

https://futureu.europa.eu/uploads/decidim/attachment/file/328/Step-by-step_guide_for_event_organisers.080421.pdf

Event preparation:

https://futureu.europa.eu/uploads/decidim/attachment/file/7264/Website_guide_for_event_organisers_EN.pdf

Event guidelines:

https://futureu.europa.eu/uploads/decidim/attachment/file/39/Our_guides_-_at_a_glance_en.pdf

A guide for making your event more inclusive:

https://futureu.europa.eu/uploads/decidim/attachment/file/166/A_guide_for_making_your_event_more_inclusive_en.pdf

Campaign materials:

<https://futureu.europa.eu/pages/campaign-materials>

Guide for event organisers:

https://futureu.europa.eu/uploads/decidim/attachment/file/7264/Website_guide_for_event_organisers_EN.pdf

³ Communicate about your event and the Conference to people around you; reach out to local groups and institutions, to targeted audiences or the wider public. Spread the word on social media using the Conference hashtag #TheFutureIsYours

⁴ Event objectives

- Enable constructive conversations related to the future of Europe
- Focus on ideas and solutions to problems
- Develop collective ideas in groups
- Build consensus on ideas and empower people to share