

Get the show on the road, Europe!

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Recognizing that:

1. Rising populism, an eroding culture of discussion and disintegration processes threaten the achievement and further development of the European Union.
2. To support the refocusing of conversation on the future, imagining new paths to shape Europe, its institutions as well as its member states and to prepare them for current and future challenges in a globalized world, the European Parliament, European Council and European Commission initiated the Conference on the Future of Europe.
3. The conference started in 2019 and is tentatively running until 2022. A recent interim report shows promising numbers and the immense interest of young professionals to contribute to Europe's future. The main user group of the digital platform, the core of the conference, is mainly used by people between 25 and 39 years of age (26%).¹
4. Various NGOs, Municipalities and states are conducting events to contribute to the Conference's agenda.

Acknowledging that:

1. The numbers show that the persons involved are mainly highly educated (49% hold a university degree) and mainly overwhelmingly self-identified male (63%).¹
2. The majority of the contributions originates from a small number of countries.
3. For fruitful and innovative development of new ideas and concepts as well as an honest discussion on the critical functions of the institutions of the European Union and needs for reform to fulfil these functions, the Conference on the Future of Europe needs broader civic involvement, engagement and attention from all parts and aspects of the European society.

¹ https://prod-cofe-platform.s3.eu-central-1.amazonaws.com/w77jvox9gd8klvw0jmdzekzacvm8?response-content-disposition=inline%3B%20filename%3D%22sn03411-re01.de21.pdf%22%3B%20filename%2A%3DUTF-8%27%27sn03411-re01.de21.pdf&response-content-type=application%2Fpdf&X-Amz-Algorithm=AWS4-HMAC-SHA256&X-Amz-Credential=AKIA3LJJXGZPDFYVOW5V%2F20211011%2Feu-central-1%2Fs3%2Faws4_request&X-Amz-Date=20211011T193517Z&X-Amz-Expires=300&X-Amz-SignedHeaders=host&X-Amz-Signature=7da18e3dd558df360851363b7bd257dad6dde6d8ae81f91712b51fefe9200e83



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YEPP calls for:

1. A ramping up of the public relations efforts of the Conference on the Future of Europe including a social media campaign and a roadshow spanning all European countries.
2. A campaign that focuses on the success stories and core aspects of Europe: and therefore, inspires people to contribute their ideas to ensure prolonging of the gigantic project of Europe.
3. A concentrated initiative of all the agencies and stakeholders involved to encourage and motivate the participation of so far less well represented groups of citizens.
4. Getting the show on the road, Europe!