Second Draft Blueprint for the Conference on the Future of Europe (CoFoE)  | 2020-2022

Joint Declaration – Main Elements

- **Signatories:** European Commission | European Parliament (EP) | Council on equal footing;
- **Timeline:** 1 May 2020 – June 2022;
- **Purpose/objects:** (i) enable & promote EU-wide debates at national & transnational level about future of Europe (FoE); (ii) strengthen European democracy by increasing citizens’ involvement & input in EU policymaking; (iii) enhance the Union’s structural ability & capacity to act; (iv) create political momentum to ensure implementation of EU’s strategic policy priorities in the coming years;
- **Content:** key thematic priorities reflecting the 2018 European Citizens’ Consultations & Citizens’ Dialogues as well as the EU’s Strategic Agenda 2019-2024 & the Commission’s priorities; (1) Green Transition; (2) Digital Innovation & Transformation; (3) Global EU; (4) Democracy & Governance (potential addition of ‘Black Swans’, i.e. issues that might unexpectedly emerge during CoFoE process);
- **Output:** sequence of thematic sessions for THMs; (potential addition of ‘Black Swans’, i.e. issues that might unexpectedly emerge during CoFoE process);

Citizens’ Dialogues | Citizens’ Consultations | Citizens’ Assemblies | Multilingual Digital Platform etc. (independent national monitoring & peer review system aiming to improve functioning & quality of national citizens’ consultations/outputs).

**Conference Plenary & meeting of Conference Assembly.**

- **Objective:** elaboration of thematic prioritisation(s) identifying the main challenges & issues related to key thematic priorities; questionnaires serve as a starting point for subsequent thematic discussions/consultations at national & transnational level;
- **Participation:** randomly selected citizens from EU27 (minimum 2 per MS); 100 citizens in total;
- **Timing & Frequency of meetings:** individual TCPs meet in 2020 & 2021 in Brussels as per agreed sequence of main thematic priorities; one meeting per thematic priority;
- **Organisation:** Steering Committee & Secretariat;
- **Input:** reports/papers/recommendations or TCPs with input & content support on each thematic priority on the agenda.

Conference Plenary Kick-off Meeting

**National Thematic Consultations**

- **Reach:** all EU citizens;
- **Content:** main thematic priorities & questionnaires elaborated by TCPs;
- **Objectives:** provision of input to thematic priorities in preparation of Thematic Meetings of Conference Plenary;
- **Participants:** national parliamentarians;
- **Timing:** 1 meeting convened by TCPs with sequence of thematic agenda schedule;
- **Output:** national thematic expert reports.

National Parlementary Consultations

- **Reach:** all EU citizens;
- **Content:** main thematic priorities & questionnaires elaborated by TCPs;
- **Objectives:** coordination of national parliamentary input on thematic priorities in preparation of Thematic Meetings of Conference Plenary;
- **Participants:** national parliamentarians;
- **Timing:** consecutive meetings synchronised with sequence of thematic agenda schedule;
- **Output:** national thematic expert reports.

National Experts Groups

- **Reach:** all EU citizens;
- **Content:** main thematic priorities & questionnaires elaborated by TCPs;
- **Objectives:** provision of input to thematic priorities;
- **Participants:** national experts; heads of National Expert Groups could join high-level Advisory Group;
- **Organisation:** national think tanks;
- **Timing:** consecutive meetings synchronised with sequence of thematic agenda schedule;
- **Output:** national thematic expert reports.

Transnational Citizens’ Agoras

- **Objective:** elaboration & formulation of citizens’ positions on main thematic priorities (including minority positions in case they exist);
- **Participation:** around 800 randomly selected citizens from all EU27 national citizens are chosen from participants of thematic National Citizens Consultations; minimum 3 citizens per member state (application of principle of progressive proportionality); 25% young participants (16-30 years);
- **Content:** main thematic priorities & issues raised in thematic questionnaires elaborated in TCPs serving as a starting point for debates;
- **Agoras:** separate thematic meeting of young participants before Citizens’ agoras (involving all participants) gets together;
- **Number of meetings:** 2-3 meetings of Citizens’ agoras within a period of 6-8 weeks per thematic priority (identical composition of thematic Citizens’ agoras);
- **Timing:** consecutive meetings synchronised with sequence of thematic agenda schedule;
- **Output:** thematic reports from Citizens’ agoras as input to thematic Conference Plenary meetings.

Transnational Citizens’ Panels (TCPs)

- **Objective:** elaboration of thematic questionnaires (identifying the main challenges & issues related to key thematic priorities; questionnaires serve as a starting point for subsequent thematic discussions/consultations at national & transnational level);
- **Participation:** randomly selected citizens from EU27 (minimum 2 per MS); 100 citizens in total;
- **Timing & Frequency of meetings:** individual TCPs meet in 2020 & 2021 in Brussels as per agreed sequence of main thematic priorities; one meeting per thematic priority;
- **Organisation:** Steering Committee & Secretariat;
- **Input:** reports/papers/recommendations or TCPs with input & content support on each thematic priority on the agenda.

Midterm Conference (May 2021 in Brussels)

- **Objective & scope:** elaboration of position of Conference Plenary on respective thematic priority (issue TBD);
- **Output:** report including proposals & recommendations as input for final meetings of Conference Plenary;

Conference Plenary Thematic Meetings & Midterm Conference

- **Objective & scope:** elaboration of position of Conference Plenary on respective thematic priority (issue TBD);
- **Output:** report including proposals & recommendations as input for final meetings of Conference Plenary;

Thematic Conference (May 2021 in Brussels)

- **Objective & scope:** elaboration of position of Conference Plenary on respective thematic priority (issue TBD);
- **Output:** report including proposals & recommendations as input for final meetings of Conference Plenary;

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