

Dear representatives and observers of the Executive Board,

We would like to invite you to the third meeting of the Executive Board that will take place on Thursday 22 April 2021 from 16:00 to 19:00 in the Council, Europa Building (room S7) and on-line with remote participation.

With the 9 May launch event of the Conference drawing nearer, we need to agree on the programme of the event. At our last meeting of the Executive Board, we had tasked the Communications services of the three institutions to submit a joint proposal for the event to the Co-Chairs through the Common Secretariat. We will present you the draft programme. which we then hope to be able to endorse.

At our last meeting we agreed on the Rules of Procedure of the Executive Board but we also held a first exchange of views on the Rules of Procedure regarding the other components of the Conference and in particular the Conference Plenary, and Citizens' Participation, including the European citizens' panels. We tasked the Common Secretariat to prepare a draft of the Rules of Procedure, taking into account the comments received from all of us. With the launch of the Conference drawing nearer, we need to discuss this draft and make decisive progress, and, if possible, endorse already the part related to the Citizens' participation as well as to the Principles and the Scope of the Conference.

European citizens' panels are one of the core pillars of the Conference. In order to start the preparations, the Co-Chairs would like to inform the Board about the practical modalities of their organisation.

We look forward to our third meeting on 22 April 2021 in a spirit of good will and cooperation.

Kind regards,

For the European Parliament

Co-Chair

For the Council Co-Chair

For the European Commission

Co-Chair

**Guy Verhofstadt** Member of the European Parliament

Ana Paula Zacarias Secretary of State for EU Affairs

Dubravka Šuica Vice-President of the European Commission