



Le Président

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Dear Mr Dehousse,

I would like to thank you for your letter of 19 March 2021 in which you emphasise the importance of ensuring the full involvement of academia, and in particular of the European University Institute, in the Conference on the Future of Europe, at both European and national levels.

I agree with you that the European University Institute can play an important role in this process. I therefore warmly thank you for your commitment to provide solid and innovative research that can feed the work of the Conference and your availability to organise one of the citizens' panels that are foreseen in this exercise, in particular by involving the young generation of researchers.

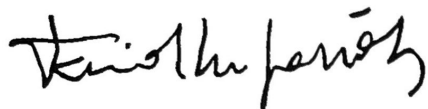
As you know, the Conference on the Future of Europe is a unique opportunity for all European citizens and our civil society to shape Europe's future. A bottom-up approach to engaging directly with citizens in a meaningful dialogue is of paramount importance to the Parliament, as underlined in Parliament's resolutions on the Conference and in the Joint Declaration.

In this perspective, I warmly welcome your proposal to organise one of the citizens' panels. Taking into consideration that the European Citizens' Panels will be organised by the Conference's Executive Board, I have therefore forwarded your letter to the members of the Board. Furthermore, there will be also many opportunities for the Institute to get involved with citizens panels organised at national, regional and local levels.

More broadly, throughout the Conference process, the EUI, like many others, will have the opportunity to provide its views and contributions in a structured manner, so that its proposals and support may be taken into account in this process. It goes without saying that the EUI, with its very specific European mission and status, established by convention of the EU Member States, is in a unique position to provide targeted academic input into the process.

I am sure that in the context of the Conference on the Future of Europe, as is the case more generally, there will be many opportunities for the Parliament to draw on expertise emanating from your Institute, as well as ample occasion to foster positive exchanges between the EUI and the political and administrative levels of the Parliament. All this will, of course, take place, as ever, in a strong spirit of partnership, and with a shared commitment to the success of the Conference, which should, in turn, lead to concrete actions to meet the expectations of our citizens and stakeholders across the Union.

Yours sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'David Maria SASSOLI', written in a cursive style.

David Maria SASSOLI