



Lisbon, 26 May 2021

Dear Colleagues,

The fifth meeting of the Executive Board of the Conference on the Future of Europe, and in which the members of the national Parliaments on the Presidential Troika of COSAC participate as observers, took place today, 26th May.

On the agenda, previously sent to all of you, there were six points: Calendar of Conference Plenaries, European Citizens' Panels and European Citizen Event: endorsement; Inaugural Conference Plenary on 19 June 2021 - Proposed agenda: endorsement; Conference Plenary: information from the Co-Chairs; Citizens' Event on 17 June 2021: information from the Co-Chairs; European Citizens' Panels; Communication strategy for the Conference: exchange of views.

The Calendar of the Conference, regarding the Plenaries, European Citizens' Panels and European Citizen Event, was endorsed by the Executive Board, even if adjustments can be made in the future.

The proposed agenda for Inaugural Conference Plenary, to be held on 19 June 2021, was presented and broadly endorsed, but a final version will be sent in the coming days. On 18 June, the delegations can seize the opportunity to organise preparatory meetings.

On the Conference Plenary, the Co-Chairs informed the members of the Executive Board about the plenary working groups: there will be 9 groups to discuss the 9 topics, chaired on an equal footing (2 chaired by the Council, 2 chaired by the European Commission, 2 chaired by the European Parliament, 2 chaired by the national Parliaments). The working group on Education, culture, youth and sport will be chaired by the President of the European Youth Forum.

The Citizens' Event, which was presented by the Co-Chairs, is scheduled for 17 June in Lisbon, in a hybrid format and will therefore be held before the Conference plenary on the 19 June.

Regarding the European Citizens' Panels, the Co-Chairs presented the updated modalities for its organisation and guidance for the organisation of the national citizens' panels, as well as the communication strategy for the Conference.

Since the LXV COSAC plenary meeting includes in its programme a session dedicated to the Conference on the Future of Europe, the topic will therefore be discussed again next week (on the 1st June), keeping the active, regular and substantial exchange of information with the COSAC members on this issue.

Yours sincerely,

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