David SASSOLI  
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Honourable President of the European Parliament  
Dear Mr Sassoli,  

I write to you on behalf of the more than 23,500 members of Plataforma per la Llengua, an entity campaigning to promote the Catalan language within our linguistic domain, regarding the use and representation of Catalan in the Conference on the Future of Europe.  

At Plataforma per la Llengua, we are deeply concerned about the inclusion of our language. We find it surprising that although Catalan is the thirteenth most spoken language in Europe, used by more than 10 million people, and spoken in three EU member countries, it does not appear among the list of languages available to participants of the Conference.  

While we welcome the fact that the Conference’s FAQ’s make it clear that the ‘translations for non-official EU languages (e.g. Catalan or Luxembourgish) can be made available on the platform if provided and financed by the Member State concerned’ we have reservations about the actual implementation of this measure. As an example, to date, no content posted in another language has been translated into Catalan. Furthermore, the fact that the presence of our language is subject to the provision and financing of a Member State does not guarantee its representation. We want to take this opportunity to remind the European Parliament of its commitment to the Catalan language and its speakers and call for the effective implementation of the Reding resolution (European Parliament resolution A3-169/90).
In addition, due to the consultative and participatory role of all European citizens in the Conference on the Future of Europe and given that it is imperative citizens can contribute in their own language, we request the full inclusion of Catalan on the Conference on the Future of Europe platform. We sincerely hope the European Parliament will have the courage to fulfil its role as the representative of all European peoples and ensure comprehensive linguistic inclusivity.

Yours Faithfully,

Barcelona, 10th of May 2021

Òscar Escuder i de la Torre
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Honourable President of the European Parliament
Dear Mr Sassoli,

Please find enclosed a letter from M. Escuder i de la Torre, President of Plataforma per la Llengua, regarding the Conference on the future of Europe.

Yours Faithfully,

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