

(draft) EP CONFERENCE OF PRESIDENT'S CONCLUSION

Conference on the Future of Europe

The EP President and the majority of Group Leaders welcomed the good work done by the CoP working group and concluded that the outcome as presented for today's meeting was a good basis for the final development of Parliament's mandate which would need to be approved in form of an EP resolution (resolution by Political Groups) at the beginning of next year January I plenary session (tabling deadline Thursday, 9 January 2020).

It was underlined that Parliament should be in the lead of the process and that all three major institutions would provide a high-level patronage to ensure a proper commitment and engagement. There was large consensus that the Conference process should be open and transparent, taking an inclusive, participatory and well-balanced approach towards citizens and stakeholders. It must be a bottom up exercise where European citizens are listened to and their voices contribute to the debates so that the future of the European Union is based on their ideas. The involvement of citizens, organised civil society and different stakeholders at European, national, regional and local level should be the key element of this innovative and original process format.

As regards the concept of governance in particular the size and composition of the Executive Coordination Board and the internal coordination of the work within the EP, the COP will have to further discuss and define the issues at its next meeting in January 2020. Consequently, the Conference of Presidents endorsed in principle the results of the working groups as presented in the attached document, as it reflects well the current consensus among a majority of political groups on the scope, governance and outcome of the process of the future Conference process. Those results should also provide the key elements for the work on the scheduled EP resolution, including the contribution from AFCO (transmitted in form of a letter opinion).

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