

Dear All,

It is my pleasure to announce that the EUI has been selected as one of only four academic institutions that will be hosting one of the European Citizen Panels organised within the framework of the Conference on the Future of Europe.

Two hundred citizens chosen as a representative sample of the European population will be coming to the EUI from the 10th to the 12th of December. In an unprecedented transnational and multilingual exercise in deliberative democracy, they will be discussing issues related to the overarching themes "Democracy, Values, Human Rights, Rule of Law, and Security" – and will thereby have a chance to play a role in shaping the future of the EU.

This process represents an excellent opportunity for the EUI to display the breadth of its expertise, and its ability to engage with civil society at large. In particular:

A communication campaign putting the spotlight on our most relevant publications has already been launched, and it will continue until the spring of 2022.

Seven members of our faculty have been chosen as Experts by the Common Secretariat of the Conference. They will assist the citizens in their deliberations by providing factual evidence and objective information about the various themes at hand.

Fifteen of our Researchers will be acting as Note-takers for the fifteen sub-groups which will be dealing with the specific themes listed in the document attached to this email.

As host institution, the EUI will also be able to nominate a certain number of Observers, who will have the possibility to follow the work of the sub-groups live for scientific purposes. Those interested in being an Observer during the weekend of the panel should send an email to: EUI.PR@EUI.eu. The actual number will be based on the capacity of the rooms and on the amount of non-EUI scholars invited by the Common Secretariat of the Conference on the Future of Europe.

Unfortunately, an event of such magnitude is also bound to create some inconveniences for the activities on campus. In particular, all of the seminar/meeting rooms in the Badia Fiesolana and the Villa Schifanoia, as well as the Sala del Consiglio, Sala del Torrino, and Sala del Camino in Villa Salviati will be taken over from the morning of Friday, the 10th of December through to the afternoon of Sunday, the 12th of December. Significant efforts have already been made to find suitable alternatives for those scheduled events that may have to be moved as a result. I hope I can count on your understanding concerning the other implications that the Panel could have.

Hosting the panel is a privilege, and it will bring remarkable visibility to the EUI throughout the continent, thus helping us meet one of our strategic objectives.

Best regards,

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