

[Press release – The Conference on the Future of Europe and the role of the European Parliament](#)



On Tuesday 26 May, Constitutional Affairs Committee MEPs will exchange views on the organisation of the upcoming Conference on the Future of Europe and the European Parliament's role in it.

When: Tuesday 26 May, 11.15 – 12.00

Where: European Parliament in Brussels, Antall building, room 4Q1, and remote participation

You can [follow the meeting live](#).

Background

The Conference, to be organised by Parliament, Council and Commission, was expected to start in May 2020 and run for two years, but has been delayed due to the COVID-19 pandemic. According to [Parliament's position adopted in January](#), it should be built on citizen participation involving a cross-section of society, and be free to define the future shape and form of the EU.

In its [17 April resolution on the EU's response to the COVID-19 pandemic](#), the European Parliament stressed that "the Conference needs to be convened as soon as possible [...] to bring about a profound reform of the Union". In their [declaration of 7 May 2020](#) for the [70th anniversary of the Schuman Declaration](#), President Sassoli and the European Parliament's political group leaders reiterated this call, "in order to shape the Union in which we want to live together" and for "an agreement [...] to build the recovery of the European continent".