

# [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".