

# Press release – Towards a Conference on the Future of Europe



On Monday 9 December, MEPs from the Constitutional Affairs Committee will vote on their input to Parliament's Conference of Presidents (i.e. President Sassoli and political group leaders) on the organisation of the upcoming Conference on the Future of Europe.

Following the establishment of the relevant Working Group by Parliament's leaders, the Constitutional Affairs Committee was invited to contribute to its work in line with its leading role on topics of significance affecting the future of Europe. This will in turn help define Parliament's position in the negotiations with the Council and the Commission on the structure, mission and objectives of the Conference.

**When:** Monday, 9 December, 18.00 – 20.00

**Where:** European Parliament in Brussels, Spinelli building, room 3E2

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

## **Background**

The Conference, to be organised by Parliament, Council and Commission, is among Commission President von der Leyen's most prominent commitments. It is expected to start in 2020 and run for two years, involving a cross-section of society to give citizens the chance to contribute in shaping the future of the EU.

The most recent in a series of debates in the Constitutional Affairs Committee was [a public hearing](#) with Parliament's Vice-President [Othmar Karas \(EPP, AT\)](#), European Economic and Social Committee President [Luca Jahier](#), Committee of the Regions President [Karl-Heinz Lambertz](#) and a range of

academic and civil society experts, as well as the two Commission Vice-Presidents: [Dubravka Šuica](#) (Democracy and Demography) and [Věra Jourová](#) (Values and Transparency).