First Draft Blueprint for Conference on the Future of Europe (CoFoE)

2020 → 2021

Inter-institutional agreement on CoFoE

- European Commission + European Parliament + (European) Council agree on:
  - purpose/objective(s): elaboration & adoption of Future of Europe (FoE) Action Plan
  - overall process & timeframe: sequencing of phases & determination of milestones for 2020-2022 at EU & (trans-)national level
  - agenda items - key baskets: 1. Green Deal; 2. Digital Transformation; 3. Democracy + Governance; 4. Global EU; 5. Black Swans (1, 2, 4 as per Strategic Agenda, UvdL priorities & results of European Citizens' Consultations)
  - leadership structure & management: Triumvirate (Chair + 2 Vice Chairs); Permanent Secretariat; Steering Group (Triumvirate + EP + Council + COMM + Rotating Presidencies + EESC & CoR); Advisory Group (high-level experts selected by Triumvirate)
  - standard Reporting Form for National Consultations on the basis of Thematic Questionnaires

Triumvirate (Chair + 2 Vice Chairs)

- sets up Permanent Secretariat & other bodies
- liaises with Council presidencies (HR, DE, PT, SI, FR) to organise Thematic Conferences on key agenda items
- liaises with EU institutions, national parliaments & observers
- organises in Brussels (BXL):
  - CoFoE Kick-off Meeting (2020)
  - Transnational Citizens' Panels (2020 & 2021; not in parallel)
  - CoFoE Midterm Meeting (2021) = Thematic Conference 3 on Democracy & Governance
  - Transnational Citizens' Assembly (2022)
  - CoFoE Final Meeting (2022)

CoFoE Kick-off Meeting

- 2nd semester 2020 in BXL
- involves all EU institutions + national parliamentarians + observers (incl. EESC/CoR, CSOs, experts, representatives of prospective EU members)
- affirms process, principles & expectations of CoFoE
- initial exchange of views/positions

Transnational Citizens' Panels (TCPs)

- TCPs elaborate Thematic Questionnaires for respective agenda item (semi-open + closed questions)
- organised in BXL for each agenda item
- sequenced over the 2-years span as per sequence of main agenda items
- include randomly selected citizens from all EU countries
- include expert input & content support on each agenda item
- involve EU institutions & other EU bodies, like EESC & CoR

TCP on agenda item 1

TCP on agenda item 2

TCP on agenda item 3

TCP on agenda item 4

TCP on agenda item 5

National Consultations

- in all EU countries
- dealing with individual items one after the other according to agenda schedule
- involve consultations with both national parliamentarians (Parliamentary Consultations) & citizens (Citizens' Consultations)
- National Reflection Groups (incl. MPs, experts, CSOs, national/regional/local policymakers) oversee process & draft National Reports

Parliamentary Consultations

- MPs debate & answer Thematic Questionnaires on respective agenda item & fill in Reporting Form

Citizens' Consultations

- initial input from experts followed by debates between citizens on respective agenda item
- participants debate & answer to Thematic Questionnaire
- event organisers fill in Reporting Form

National Reports

- reports drafted by National Reflection Group per agenda item
- reports reflect Parliamentary & Citizens' Consultations in respective member state

Thematic Conferences

Thematic Conference 1 (DE)
- organised by German Council Presidency in 2020
- incl. EU institutions & national parliamentarians + observers
- produces list of priorities & proposals for agenda item 1

Thematic Conference 2 (PT)
- organised by Portuguese Council Presidency in 2021
- incl. EU institutions & national parliamentarians + observers
- produces list of priorities & proposals for agenda item 2

CoFoE Midterm Meeting (BXL)
- organised by Triumvirate & Permanent Secretariat in mid-2021
- incl. EU institutions & national parliamentarians + observers
- list of priorities & proposals for agenda item 3: Democracy & Governance

Thematic Conference 4 (SI)
- organised by Slovenian Council Presidency in 2021
- incl. EU institutions & national parliamentarians + observers
- produces list of prioroties and proposals for agenda item 4

Thematic Conference 5 (FR)
- organised by French Council Presidency in 2022
- incl. EU institutions & national parliamentarians + observers
- produces list of priorities & proposals for agenda item 5

Transnational Citizens' Assembly

- April/May 2022 in BXL
- includes representatives from all Transnational Citizens' Panels & additional randomly selected citizens from all EU countries
- discusses Thematic Conferences' lists of priorities & proposals for each agenda item working groups
- involves exchanges with representatives of EU institutions & national parliaments + observers, who participate in working group discussions
- agrees on draft FoE Action Plan

CoFoE Final Meeting

- April/May 2022 in BXL
- involves all EU institutions & national parliamentarians + observers (incl. EESC/CoR, CSOs, experts, representatives of prospective EU members)
- discusses & finalises draft FoE Action Plan

Future of Europe Action Plan

- official adoption & endorsement of final FoE Action Plan → includes concrete/tangible results & recommendations/proposals for financial, legal, institutional, treaty, and/or policy reforms
- handover to European Council, European Commission & European Parliament in June 2022

Implementation of FoE Action Plan

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