

Executive Board Starts Implementation of Conference on the Future of Europe



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The Executive Board of the Conference on the Future of Europe started its work by holding its constitutive meeting on 24 March 2021. The first steps taken were to ensure that citizens can become involved in discussions on the future shape and orientation of the European Union. This is to be accomplished, in particular, via a multilingual digital platform that will be launched on 19 April 2021. Given the development of the COVID-19 pandemic, the Executive Board also discussed whether/how to host a formal event on 9 May 2021 (Europe Day) in Strasbourg and whether/how to hold the first Conference Plenary on 10 May 2021.

The Executive Board is co-chaired by MEP *Guy Verhofstadt*, on behalf of the European Parliament, by the Portuguese Secretary of State for EU Affairs, *Ana Paula Zacarias*; as representative of the acting Council Presidency, and by the European Commission Vice-President, *Dubravka Šuica*. The Executive Board has the task of overseeing the work, process, and organisation of the Conference on the Future of Europe. The Conference was officially launched on 10 March 2021 (→ related link).

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