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Conference on the Future of Europe: follow the sixth Plenary on Friday-Saturday

Media are invited to the plenary session of the Conference on the Future of Europe taking place on 8-9 April in the European Parliament in Strasbourg.

The sixth Plenary session will debate proposals from the nine Plenary Working Groups, grouped by themes. The proposals will be based on the recommendations made by the European Citizens' Panels, national panels, and ideas gathered through the Multilingual Digital Platform, as well as the exchanges held during the Conference Plenary and Working Group sessions. You can find out more here.

When: Friday 8 April - Saturday 9 April 2022

Where: European Parliament in Strasbourg, with physical and remote participation

In preparation for the Conference Plenary, the nine thematic Working Groups of the Conference will meet on Thursday from 18:00 to 20:00.

Download the agenda of the Plenary and the terms of reference of the Working Groups.

Media opportunities

A press point with the Co-Chairs of the Executive Board of the Conference, Guy Verhofstadt, Member of the European Parliament, Clément Beaune, Secretary of State for European Affairs on behalf of the French Presidency of the Council, and Dubravka Šuica, European Commission Vice-President, will be held on Friday at 10:15 next to the Hemicycle (1st floor - Lobby Set). The press point will be broadcast live on EbS and live streamed on Parliament's Multimedia Centre.

Media representatives will be able to interview Plenary Members who are willing to speak to journalists, using Parliament's dedicated spaces and equipment if needed (booking required). Exchanges with members of the Common Secretariat as well as other technical experts may also be possible, to be organised upon request. Press officers from EU institutions will be available to facilitate the process and liaise where necessary.

Audio-visual coverage



The Friday and Saturday debates taking place in the Conference Plenary will be broadcast live on EbS+. A news summary will be available on EbS after the session ends. The session will also be live streamed on the Conference Platform and Parliament's Multimedia Centre.

The Working Group meetings on Thursday will be streamed on Parliament's Multimedia Centre. All video, audio and photo coverage will be available to download.

Accreditation

Annual press passes (either inter-institutional passes or EP passes) are valid. Journalists without an access pass are kindly asked to request accreditation before Thursday 7 April at 16:00 via the journalist registration website. Passes may be collected by 7 April at 13:00 from the press reception (located at entrance number 1 of the Agora).

After this time and throughout the event, passes may be collected from the Weiss reception (located at entrance number 4 of the Agora). This reception is open from 13:00 to 20:00 on Thursday; from 8:00 to 20:00 on Friday; and from 8:00 to 16:00 on Saturday.

COVID-19 prevention measures

Journalists can attend the Conference Plenary session, provided they strictly follow the health restrictions and measures put in place by both the French authorities and the European Parliament.

As of 3 November, all people entering Parliament's buildings, including journalists, have to present a valid EU Digital COVID Certificate. The EU Digital COVID Certificate proves that a person is either fully vaccinated, has recently recovered from COVID-19 or can show a recent negative PCR test result. Both digital and paper formats of the EU Digital COVID Certificate or of a recognised equivalent certificate will be accepted. Proof of a negative result of a PCR test carried out within the last 48 hours in Belgium, Luxembourg or France will also be accepted. Please note that wearing a medical face mask remains compulsory in the European Parliament.

The measures for travellers to France are available here.

Access

Media access will be facilitated through the main entrance to the Louise Weiss building and the Churchill building entrance throughout the duration of the Conference Plenary - subject to the accreditation considerations set out above. The separate press entrance will be closed from Thursday at 13:00.

Working areas

The following areas will be accessible for journalists:



- · Working space and access to the video feed inside the press room
- Press gallery of the Chamber (photo agencies will also be able to enter the Chamber)
- · Media space outside the Hemicycle for video recording (booking required)

Wi-Fi will be available in all parts of the building. The login and password will be communicated on the day.

All journalists will be able to follow the live coverage from the press room screens.

Audiovisual facilities (booking required)

The following audiovisual services will be provided:

- Live camera positions in self-service near the Chamber. Media should bring their own equipment and cabling; power and internet broadband connection will be available
- · Multimedia studio and stand up positions.

To allow us to best facilitate your work, please send in your requests before Thursday 7 April by the end of the day to avplanning@europarl.europa.eu.

Photo Opportunities (booking required)

Photo and video pools will be organised for the Chamber (access exclusively reserved for photo agencies). Please contact AV planning with your request:

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