



# Conference on the **Future** of **Europe**

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# The Conference – what is it about?



**Unprecedented opportunity to shape the EU policies and our future together, each and every one of us contributing with their own ideas and proposals.**

**A truly bottom-up exercise** – citizens, civil society, local communities will be at the heart of the debate and the deliberations;

**Innovative approach** – exploiting deliberation and civic tech tools, such as platform and citizens' panels.

**Inclusiveness, openness and transparency** – open to everyone, reaching every corner; everything will be publically available.

**No predetermined outcome but clear commitment to follow up.**

# What role for the NRNs?



The Conference provides an opportunity to put Europe's rural communities and their sustainable development at the **heart of the forward-looking debate around** the future of Europe.

Do it in a **horizontal, cross-cutting way**, as they play a key role in all challenges the EU is facing.

This could be particularly relevant in the light of **important future-oriented initiatives** such as the long-term vision for rural areas.



# The Conference – the main milestones

**Multilingual digital platform** - will be the place for citizens to share ideas and send online submissions. They will be collected, analysed and published throughout the Conference;

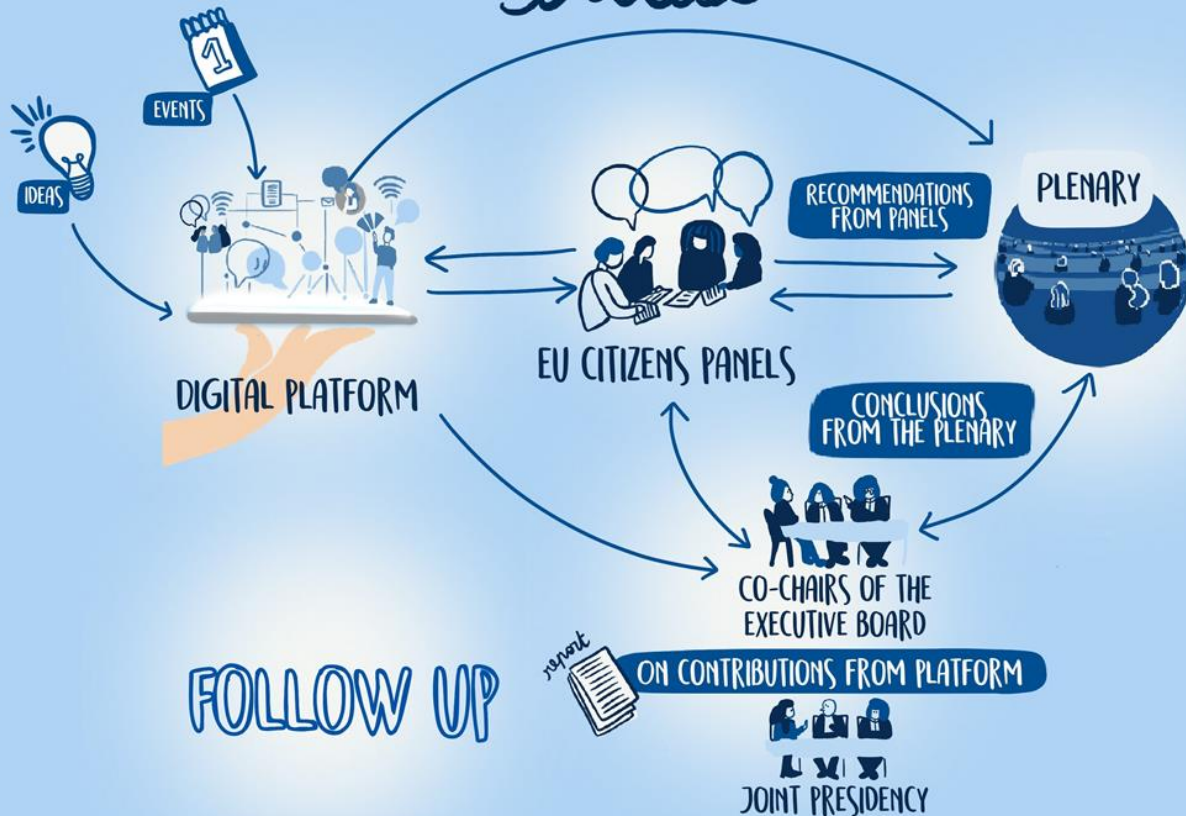
**Self-organised events** - online, in-person and hybrid events held by people and organisations as well as national, regional and local authorities across Europe.

**European citizens' panels** - will discuss different topics, based on the input provided by citizens through the digital platform. These panels will be representative in terms of geographic origin, gender, age, socioeconomic background and/or level of education;

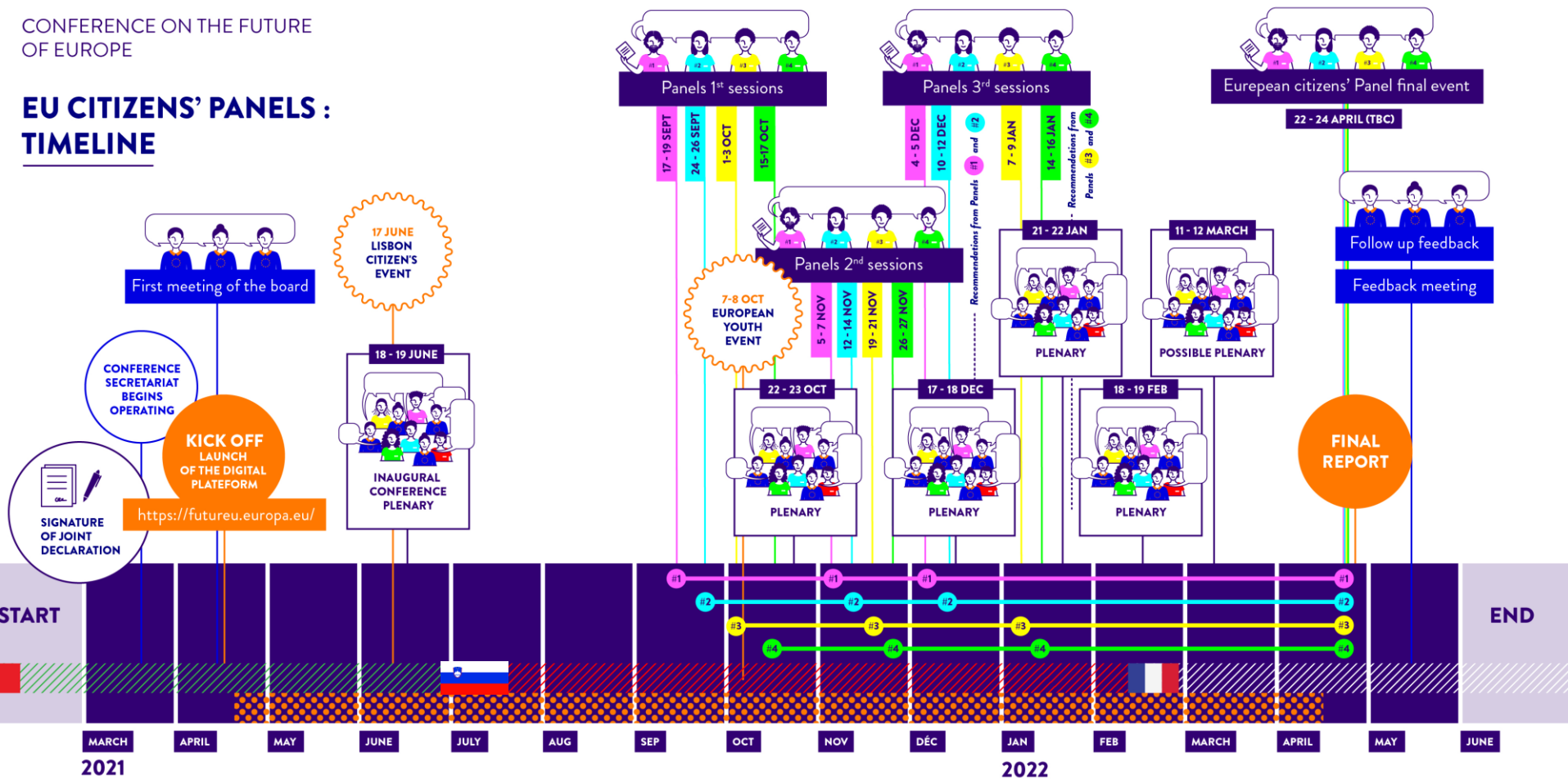
**Conference Plenaries** - will ensure that the recommendations from the national and European citizens' panels, grouped by themes, are debated without a predetermined outcome and without limiting the scope to pre-defined policy areas;



# CONFERENCE ON THE FUTURE OF EUROPE Process



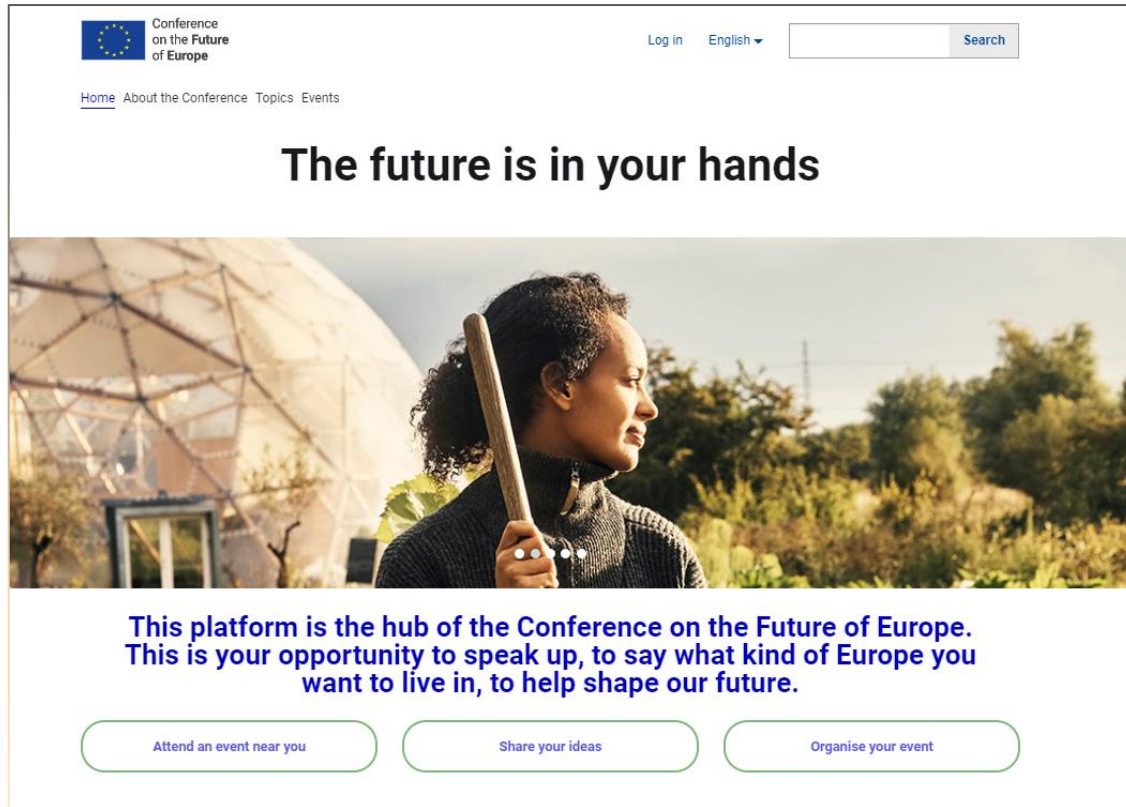
# EU CITIZENS' PANELS: TIMELINE



# The platform

## The homepage includes:

- a banner redirecting to a page to learn more “About the Conference”
- the 3 main user actions
- the 10 headline topics
- information on the latest activities on the platform



The screenshot shows the homepage of the Conference on the Future of Europe. At the top left is the European Union flag and the text "Conference on the Future of Europe". To the right are links for "Log in" and "English" with a dropdown arrow, followed by a search bar with a "Search" button. Below the header is a navigation menu with links for "Home", "About the Conference", "Topics", and "Events". The main heading is "The future is in your hands" in a large, bold, black font. Below the heading is a photograph of a woman with dark curly hair, wearing a dark sweater, holding a wooden baseball bat over her shoulder. She is looking off to the side. In the background, there is a large, white, geodesic dome structure, possibly a greenhouse or a futuristic building, surrounded by greenery. Below the photograph is a white box containing the text: "This platform is the hub of the Conference on the Future of Europe. This is your opportunity to speak up, to say what kind of Europe you want to live in, to help shape our future." At the bottom of this box are three rounded rectangular buttons with green borders: "Attend an event near you", "Share your ideas", and "Organise your event".



# 10 topics for contributions

Topics are based on the Joint Declaration.

Health is included.

“Other” gathers also all cross-cutting contributions.



Climate change and the environment



Health



A stronger economy, social justice and jobs



EU in the world



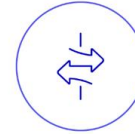
Values and rights, rule of law, security



Digital transformation



European democracy



Migration



Education, culture, youth and sport



Other ideas



# The multilingual digital platform - 3 ways to contribute

Citizens, civil society organisations, public authorities - can go to the platform,

**read descriptions about the Conference,** its topics, governance and timeline,

**1. browse a map of all registered events and attend an event**

or **look at other people's ideas and comments**

For this, the visitor does not need to register.

The visitor may also want to participate actively.

Registration through EU Login is necessary to perform the following actions:

**2. share their own ideas, endorse and comment on other people ideas;**

**3. organise an event and report back with ideas from the event.**

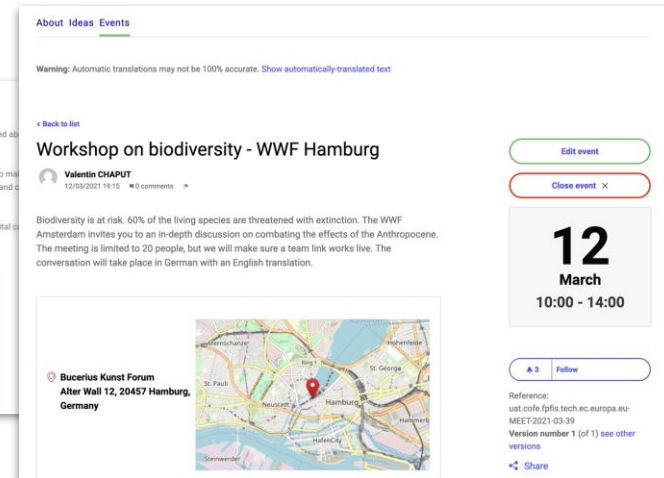
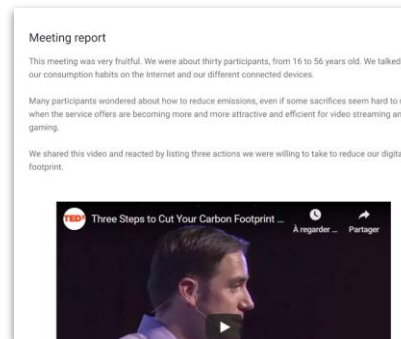
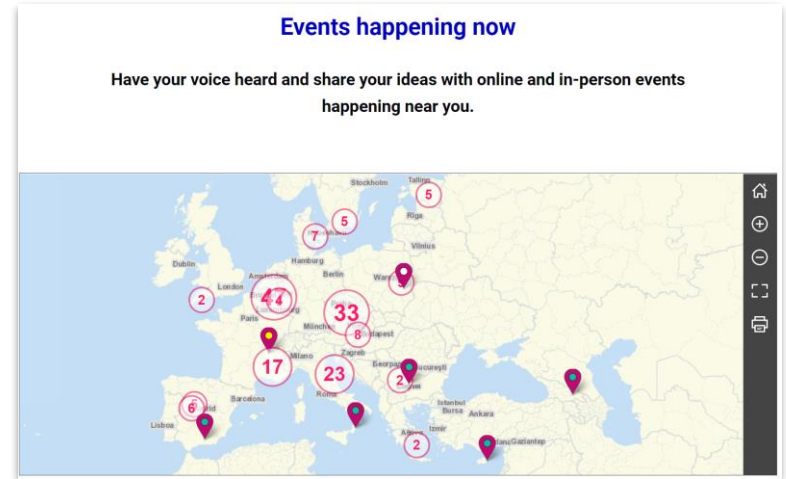
# Journey 1: Attend an event

As a participant, I can browse a map of all registered events and see there are events near my place or get information about all events happening across Europe.

Events appear in **different colours** if they are hosted by the EU institutions or member states, or by other organisations or citizens, and if they are **in-person, online or both**.

If an event organiser uses an external website to open registration to their event, a "Join meeting" button appears on the event page to redirect attendees to the service.

After the event, I can **look at the report and see the ideas that have been discussed**.





# Journey 2: Share an idea

If I want to submit an idea. I first choose the topic I am interested in on the platform.

An “about” page describes each topic with a short text, links to EU websites, related documents, upcoming events, random ideas and statistics.

The screenshot shows the 'Digital transformation' topic page. At the top, there is a navigation bar with the European Union logo and the text 'Conference on the Future of Europe'. Below this, there are links for 'Home', 'About the Conference', 'Topics', and 'Events'. The main heading is 'Digital transformation' with a sub-heading '#TheFutureIsYours' and 'Shaping Europe's digital future'. There are also links for 'About Ideas' and 'Events'. A warning message at the bottom states: 'Warning: Automatic translations may not be 100% accurate. Show automatically-translated text'.

## Shaping Europe's digital future

Digital technologies are changing our lives as the world has to adapt to new conditions in education. We want to make sure the digital transition is behind, putting people first and creating a digital business. Digital solutions are also key to achieving the green transition of our

## Related meetings

### Workshop on 5G

03 December 2020 14:00 - 16:00

5G offers great potential for the future of our economy, but it needs to be rolled out in such a way to include everyone. In this workshop we want to discuss how this could be ensured while also being pragmatic and ensuring a high percentage of EU citizens to be covered by 5G. We also want to discuss about the potential for EU wide mobile phone plans.

## List of endorsements

User Name User Name

## Share an idea with us

As well as sharing your own ideas, you can also find other ideas from across Europe. Join the discussion by leaving a comment, or vote for ideas you like so more people can find them.

2 Ideas [New idea +](#)

The screenshot shows the 'Share an idea with us' page. It features a search bar and a filter section with options for 'Category' (All, Coronavirus, Healthcare, Promoting healthy lifestyles) and 'My activity' (All, My ideas). There are also options for 'Order ideas by' (Random) and 'Results per page' (20). Two idea cards are displayed. The first card is titled 'Launch an EU-wide campaign to recruit more people into the profession of nursing' by Erika Witt, dated 26/02/2021 09:18. The second card is titled 'Una estrategia europea de salud mental' by Barbara OSP, dated 26/02/2021 10:23. Each card includes a description, a category tag, and buttons for 'Follow', 'Endorsements', and 'Comments'.

## What is happening at the Conference on the Future of Europe?

16,063  
Participants

10  
Topics

4,267  
Ideas

8,089  
Comments

869  
Events

23,389  
Endorsements

# Writing and publishing an idea

**Step 0:** click on "New idea"

11 Ideas

Search

**Category**

- All
- Technology for people
- Boosting the digital Economy
- Digitising democracy.
- Switching on to sustainability.

**Participatory space**

- All
- Official
- Citizens
- Meetings

**Related to**

- All
- Events

**Step 1:** write the title (150 characters) and the body (1500 characters)

Share your idea

\* Required fields are marked with an asterisk

Title

Interinstitutional co-creation

at least 15 characters, 120 characters left

Body

Co-Creation and distributed leadership, are organizational answer to the complexity of the context organizations work in. The complexity and extreme knowledge intensiveness created the need to include possible expertise, experience and energy in the strategic decisions the day to day implementation of those.

at least 15 characters, 1164 characters left

**Step 2:** my idea is compared to detect similar ideas; I can continue with my idea and/or engage with the other ideas.

Idea sharing steps

Step 1 of 4

- Share your idea
- Compare
- Complete
- Publish your idea

Similar proposals (2)

**Coding schools for unemployed older adults**

User Name

Creation: 03/12/2020 11:37  
Reference: cofe-MEET-2020-10-83

Withdrawn Created version 2 When it comes to technology, older adults can sometimes have a bad reputation...

Technology for people

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**Step 3:** I complete my idea with a category and attachment

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Category

Please select a country

(optional) Add an image to the proposal card

No file selected

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**Step 4:** I publish my idea, which appears on the platform and is automatically translated in all other languages.

I can modify it during 30 minutes. I can still withdraw it later.

If I decide to delete my account later, my idea will remain visible on the platform, with my name being replaced by a label explaining I am no longer an user.

# Interactions: endorsing or commenting on ideas

I can **endorse an idea (in my own name)**. Endorsements are useful because they are, from the opening day of the platform on, a **very easy and accessible way for people to interact with the platform**. If I do not have enough time or do not feel comfortable enough to contribute in writing, I can simply use this functionality.

2 comments Order by: Older ▾

**João Filipe Moreira Veríssimo** 03/12/2020 11:37 🔒 🔗

**In favor**

In this workshop we want to discuss how this could be ensured while also being pragmatic and ensuring a high percentage of EU citizens to be covered by 5G.

**Valentin** 03/12/2020 11:37 🔒 🔗

In this workshop we want to discuss how this could be ensured while also being pragmatic and ensuring a high percentage of EU citizens to be covered by 5G.

**15 Endorse**

**15 Follow**

**Add your comment**  
Sign in with your account or sign up to add your comment.

I can **comment on an idea** (my name also appears). This allows a **truly horizontal transnational dialogue between citizens**. Obviously, it will also require more **moderation**. There will have to be a team of moderators from day 1 on the platform.

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## Launch an EU-wide campaign to recruit more people into the profession of nursing

**Erika Witt**  
26/02/2021 09:24 1 comment

In the wake of the pandemic, the EU should focus on the revalorisation of this profession. Nurses have demonstrated incredible courage throughout the pandemic, and the trauma they experienced will take a toll on current healthcare professionals. Furthermore, there are huge disparities across EU member states (for example, Finland has more than double the amount of nurses per 100,000 inhabitants relative to Greece). Not only should there be campaigns to recruit more young people to enter a career in nursing, but possibilities for mid-career change should be supported. Additionally, nurses should be incentivized (or receive special funding) to take language classes. This will allow for increased mobility between EU member-states, to support hospitals in times of crisis. Outside of the pandemic, this kind of mobility program would be a great opportunity for many healthcare professionals to experience cultural exchange during their careers.

[https://ec.europa.eu/eurostat/statistics-explained/index.php?title=Healthcare\\_personnel\\_statistics\\_-\\_nursing\\_and\\_caring\\_professionals&oldid=355980](https://ec.europa.eu/eurostat/statistics-explained/index.php?title=Healthcare_personnel_statistics_-_nursing_and_caring_professionals&oldid=355980)

**2 Endorsed**

**15 Endorse**

**15 Follow**

**List of endorsements**

**User Name** **User Name**

# Multilingualism relying partly on machine translation

The header of the platform allows me to switch the browsing language at any time. It is then possible to **read all contents in the original language of the contributor or my own language.**


Select your language

Български (bg)	Čeština (cs)
Dansk (da)	Deutsch (de)
ελληνικά (el)	English (en) ✓
Español (es)	Eesti keel (et)
Suomen kieli (fi)	Français (fr)
Gaeilge (ga)	Hrvatski (hr)
Magyar nyelv (hu)	Italiano (it)
Lietuvių kalba (lt)	Latviešu valoda (lv)
Malti (mt)	Nederlands (nl)
Polski (pl)	Português (pt)
Română (ro)	Slovenčina (sk)
Slovenski jezik (sl)	Svenska (sv)


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## Wspieranie kobiet w branży technologicznej

 **Barbara OSP**  
01/03/2021 08:24 0 comments

...które technologicznym istnieje znaczna dysproporcja pomiędzy liczbą pracujących w tej branży kobiet i ...  
czyn. Ważne jest, aby móc zaoferować więcej stypendiów i kursów szkoleniowych przeznaczonych  
jalnie dla kobiet. Mogłoby to zachęcić dziewczęta do podjęcia kariery w branży IT i doprowadzić do  
szej równowagi płci w tym sektorze.





# Journey 3: Organise an event

I want to register my event, I fill a form with the address, video-conference link, start and end time, registration type... I have to check the box saying I agree to the Charter. When created, **my event appears on the map.**

**ORGANISE YOUR EVENT**

Type \*  
Please select a meeting type

Address \*

Address: used by Geocoder to find the location

Location \*

Location: message directed to the users implying the spot to meet at

Location hints

Location hints: additional info. Example: the floor of the building if it is an in-person meeting, or the meeting password if it is an online meeting with restricted access.

Start Time \*

Expected format: dd/mm/yyyy hh:ii

End Time \*

Expected format: dd/mm/yyyy hh:ii

Category  
Please select a category

Registration type \*  
Please select a registration type

Organise event as  
Éloise

I agree to the [charter](#) of the Conference on the Future of Europe

**Create**

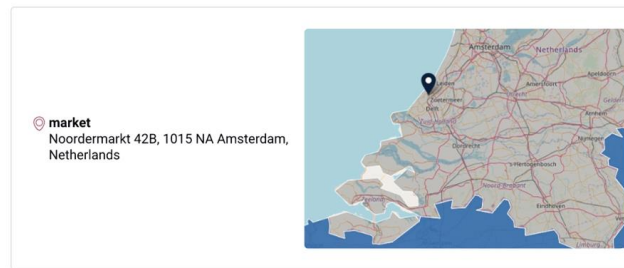


## Workshop on biodiversity - WWF Amsterdam

User Name  
03/12/2020 11:37 0 comments

Biodiversity is at risk. 60% of the living species are threatened with extinction. The WWF Amsterdam invites you to an in-depth discussion on combating the effects of the Anthropocene. The meeting is limited to 20 people, but we will make sure a team link works live.

The conversation will take place in German with an English translation.



**15**  
December  
14:00 - 18:00

[Join the meeting](#)

15 Follow

Reference: cofe-MEET-2020-10-83  
Version number 6 (of 6) see other versions

[Share the page](#)

[Embed](#)

# Report on an event

I then produce a brief report on the event outcomes and **link it to the ideas** that the citizens participating online and offline will have agreed to put forward.

Edit event

Close event ×

**12**  
March  
10:00 - 14:00

## Close event

### Report \*

The meeting allowed different points of view to be expressed on 5G. Several working groups were able to draft proposals that are added to the platform.

We agreed to organise a new exchange next month to deepen our understanding of the subject.

### Proposals

× #2 - Implementação de um imposto de carbono nas fronteiras

× #37 - Un certificat universel de qualité de l'air pour toutes les voitures européennes

Choose ideas

Close event

## Event report

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## Related ideas

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Barbara OSP @barbara\_osp

### Un certificat universel de qualité de l'air pour toutes les voitures européennes

Erika Witt @erika\_osp

# Useful toolkits and links

The platform also offers a set of guides and toolkits getting users and event organisers through the different steps

**Guides and toolkits:** <https://futureu.europa.eu/pages/organiseanevent>

**Factsheet on the platform:**

[https://ec.europa.eu/commission/presscorner/detail/en/fs\\_21\\_1821](https://ec.europa.eu/commission/presscorner/detail/en/fs_21_1821)

**Factsheet on the Conference roll-out:**

[https://ec.europa.eu/commission/presscorner/detail/en/fs\\_21\\_1822](https://ec.europa.eu/commission/presscorner/detail/en/fs_21_1822)

**Promotional video of the platform:** <https://audiovisual.ec.europa.eu/en/video/l-204289>

**Logos and campaign materials in all 24 languages:**

<https://www.europarl.europa.eu/news/en/headlines/priorities/conference-on-the-future-of-europe/20210420ST002415/conference-on-the-future-of-europe-campaign-materials>