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

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## 20th NRN meeting

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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.

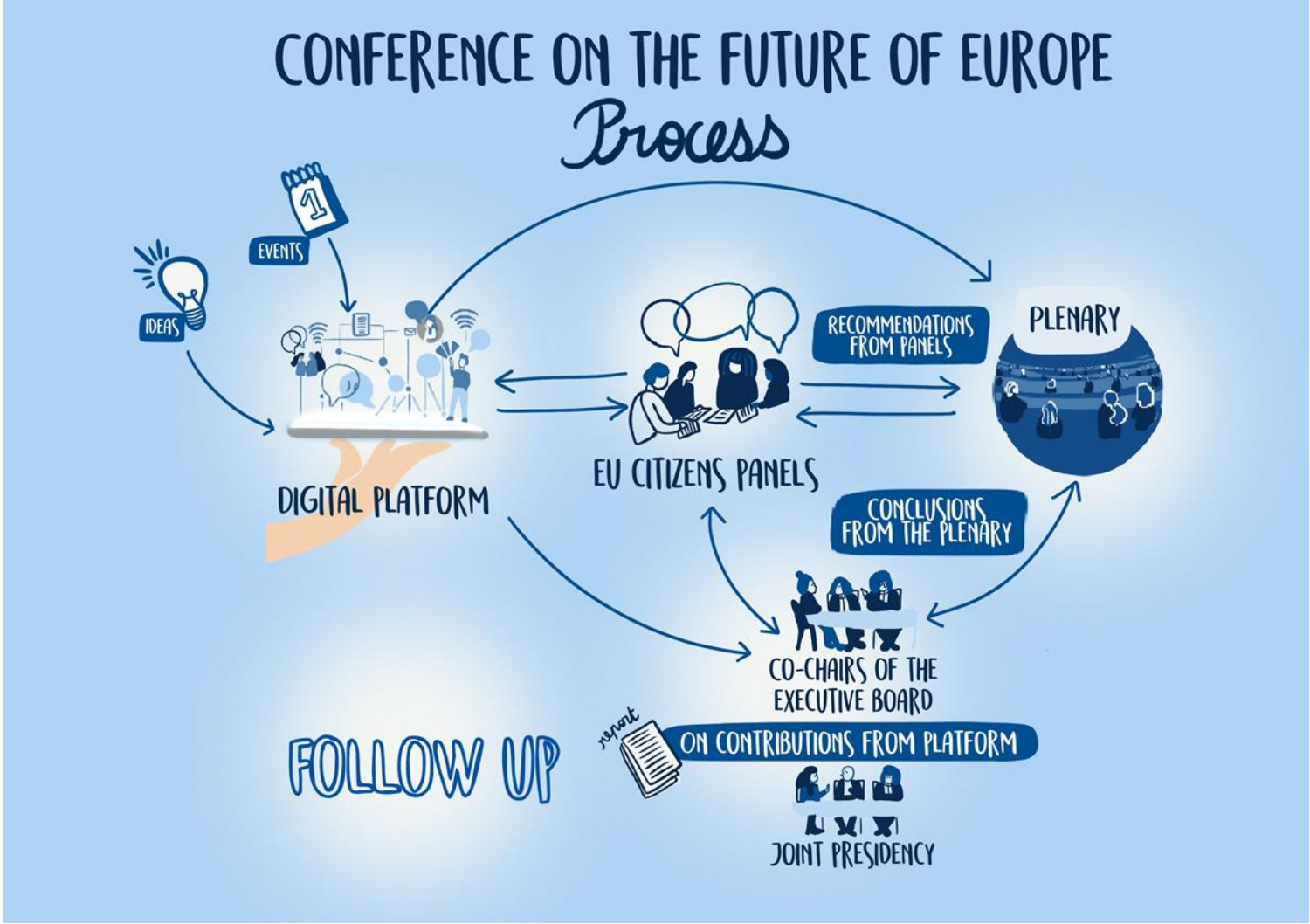
# The Conference – the main milestones

**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;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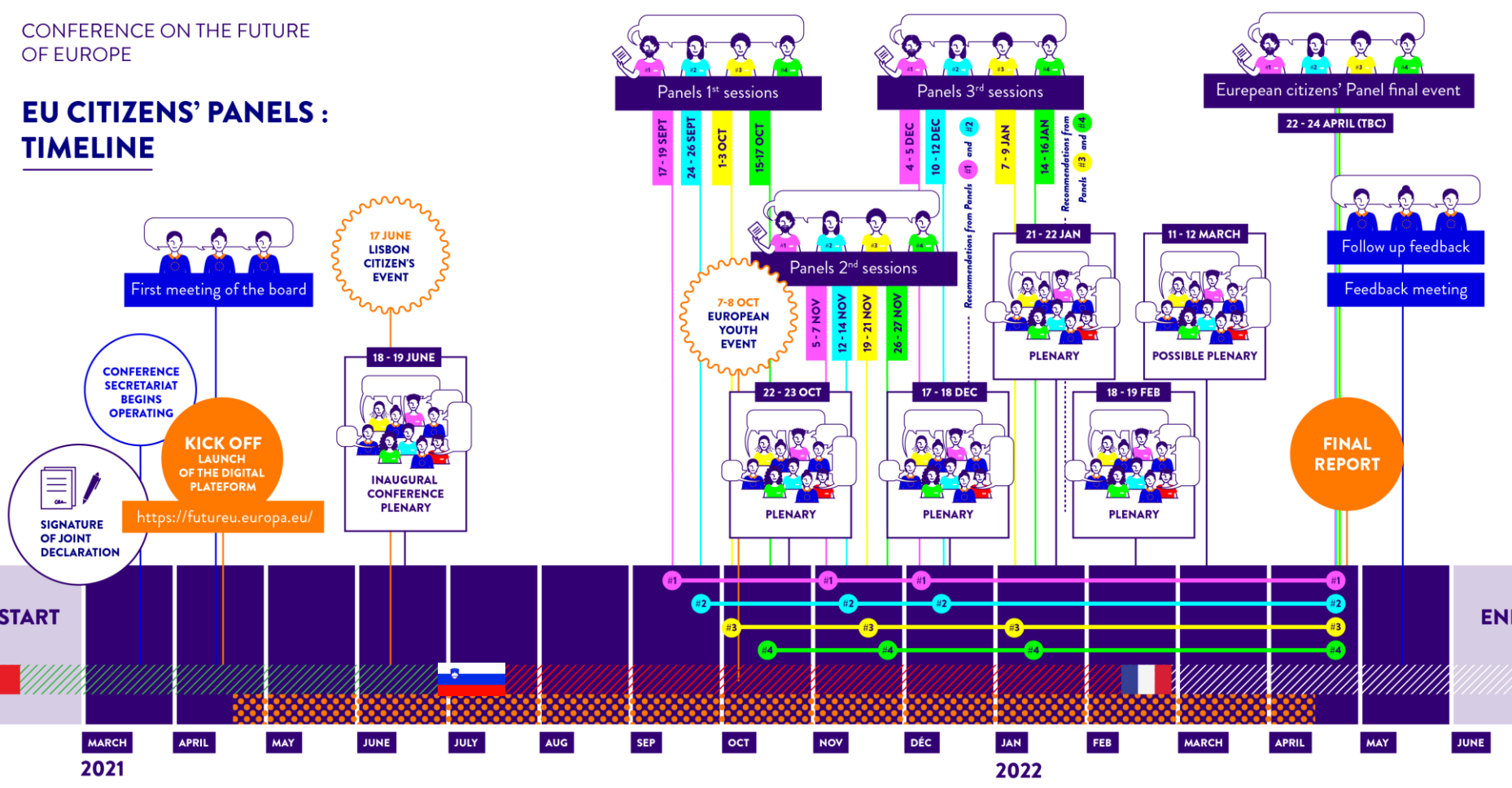
# EU CITIZENS' PANELS : TIMELINE

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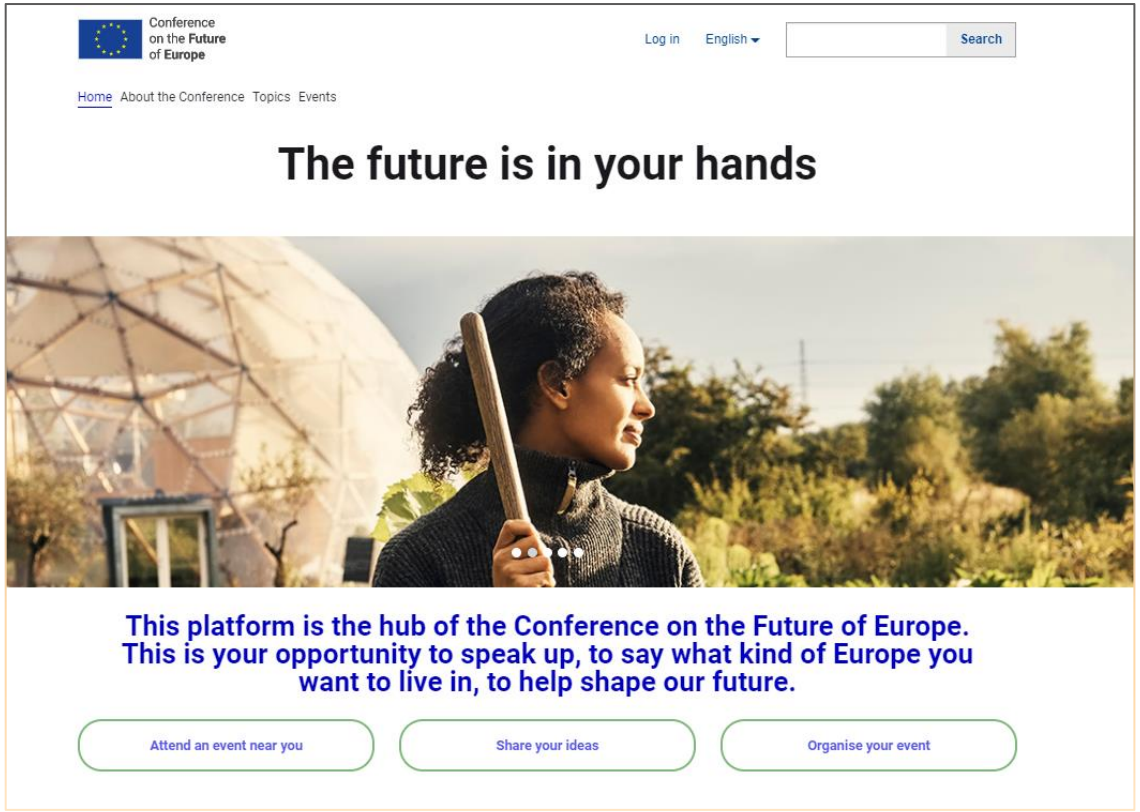
EVENTS AT LOCAL, REGIONAL, NATIONAL AND EUROPEAN LEVEL — All following a common charter, supported by toolkits and the multilingual digital platform: collecting ideas and analysing data

# 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

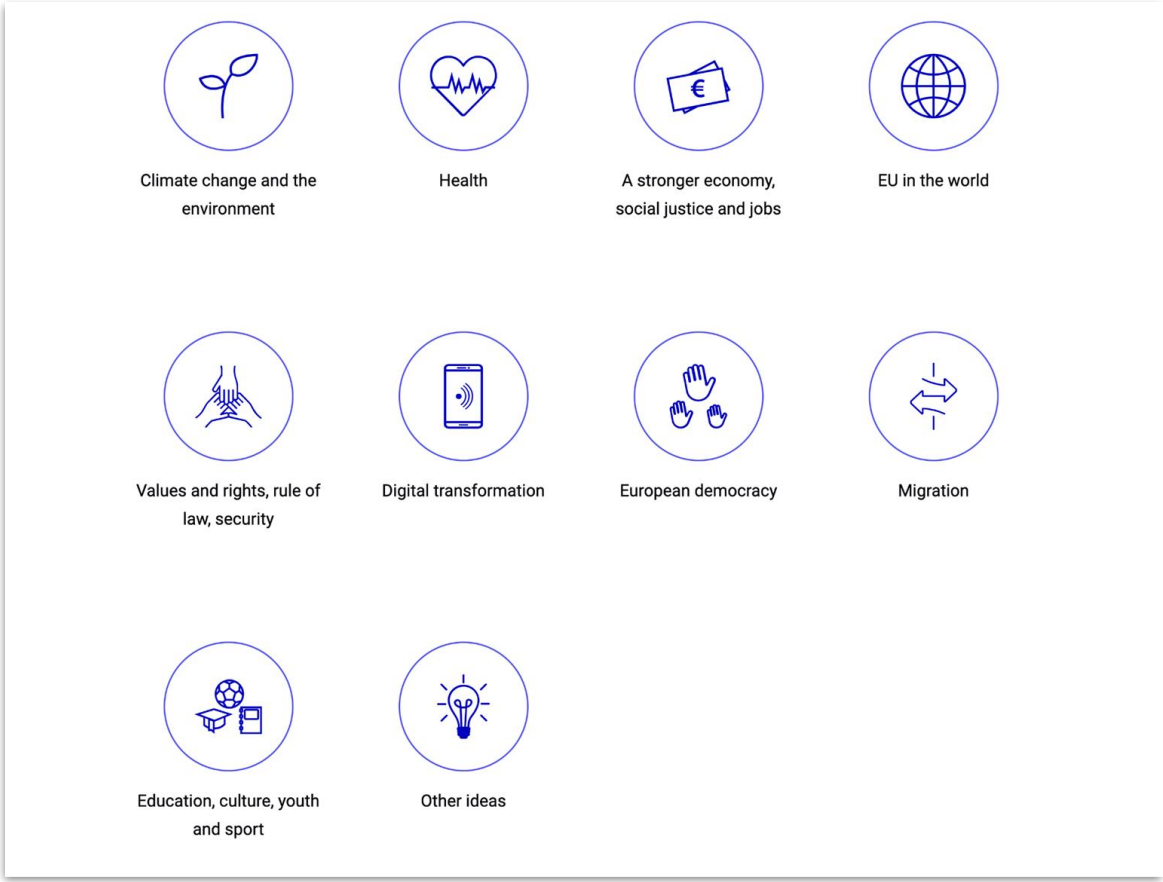


# 10 topics for contributions

Topics are based on the Joint Declaration.

Health is included.

“Other” gathers also all cross-cutting contributions.



# The multingual 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**.

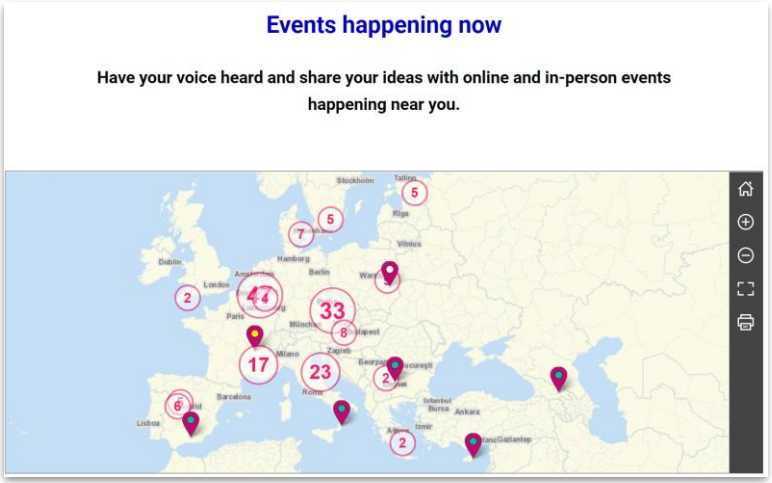
# Journey 1: Attend an event

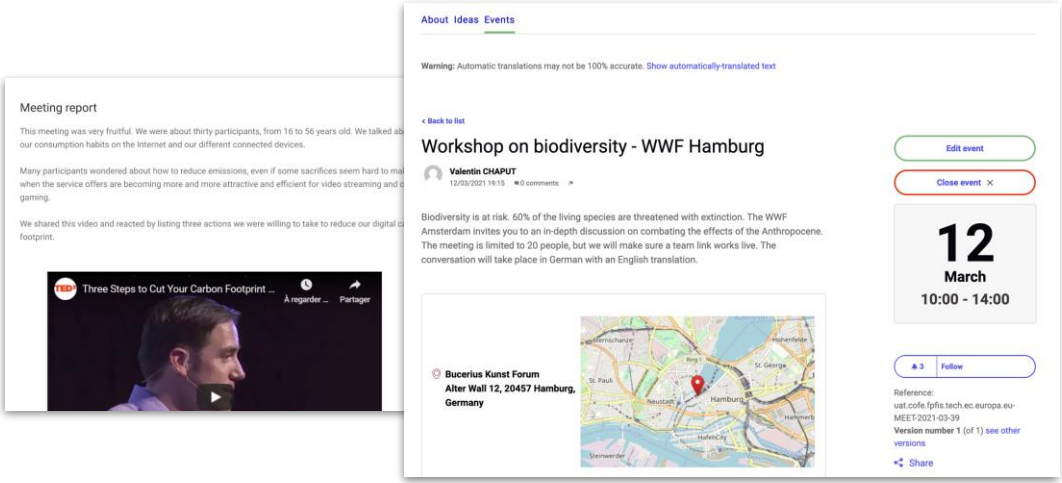
As a participant, I can browse a map of all registered events and see there are events near my place or get information about all events happening across Europe.

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**.

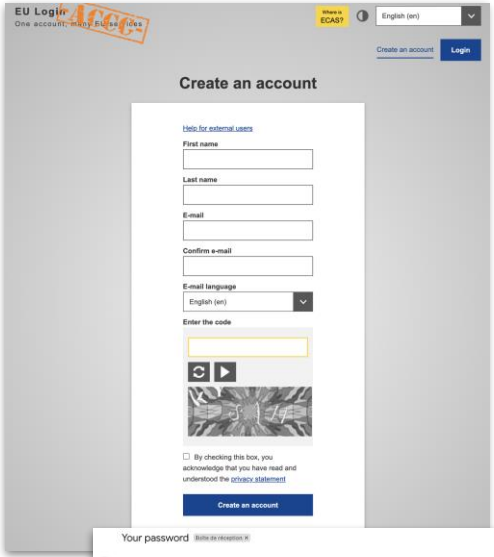
If an event organiser uses an external website to open registration to their event, a “Join meeting” button appears on the event page to redirect attendees to the service.

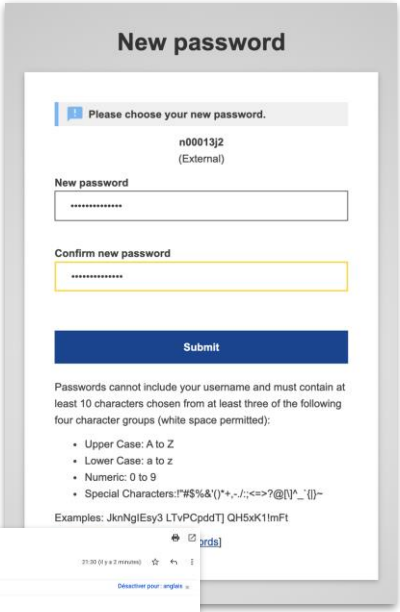
After the event, I can **look at the report and see the ideas that have been discussed**.

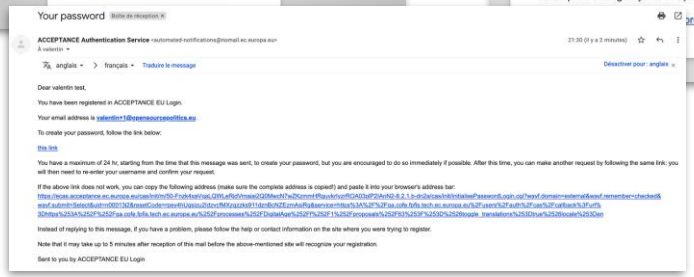


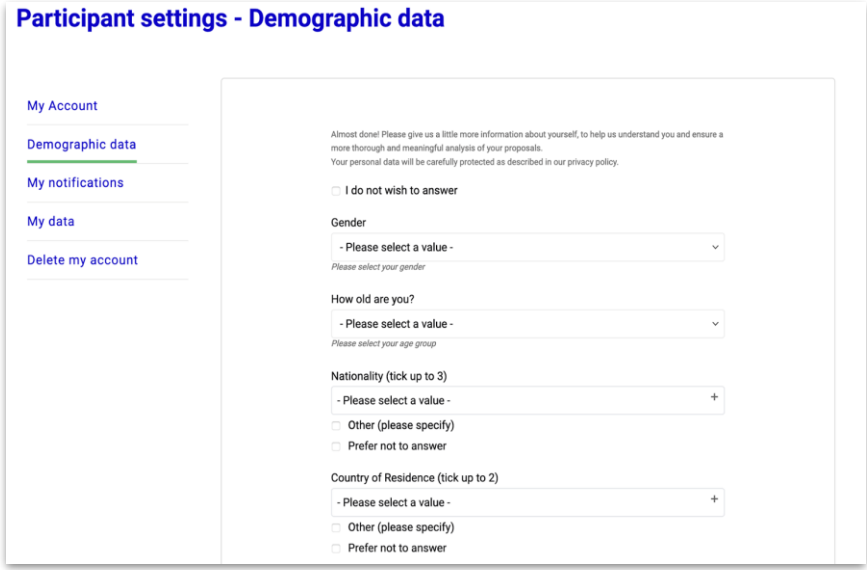



# EU Login to register



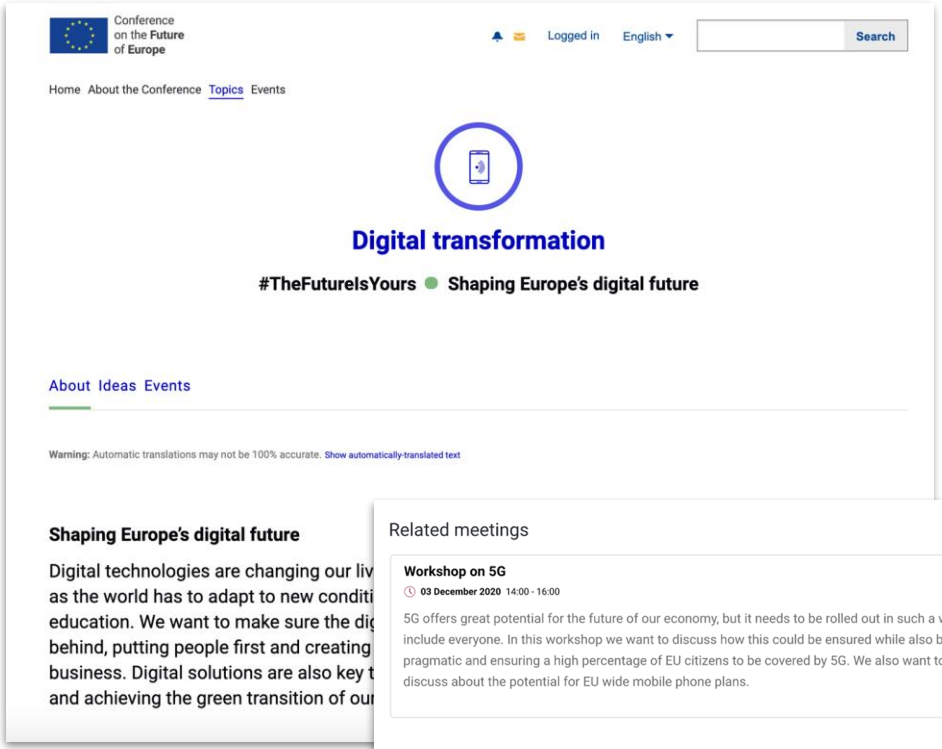



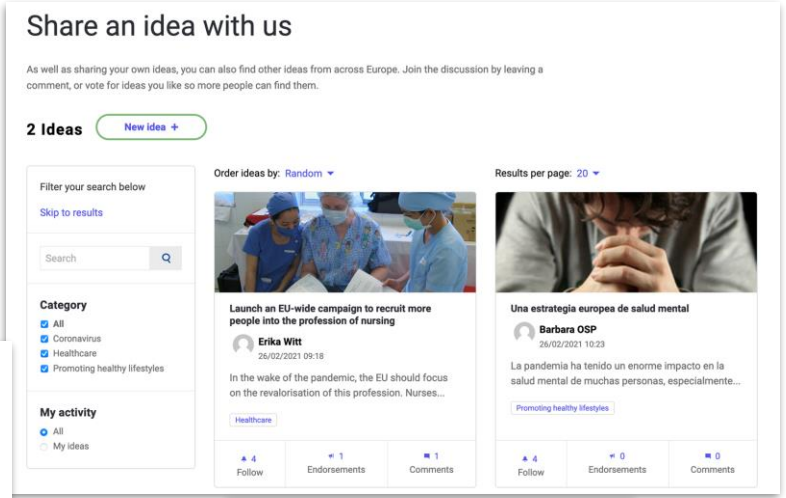



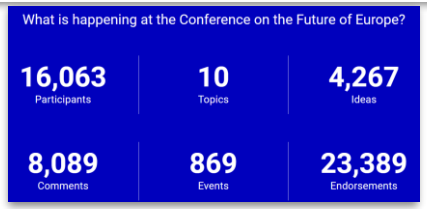
# Journey 2: Share an idea

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.



# Writing and publishing an idea

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

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

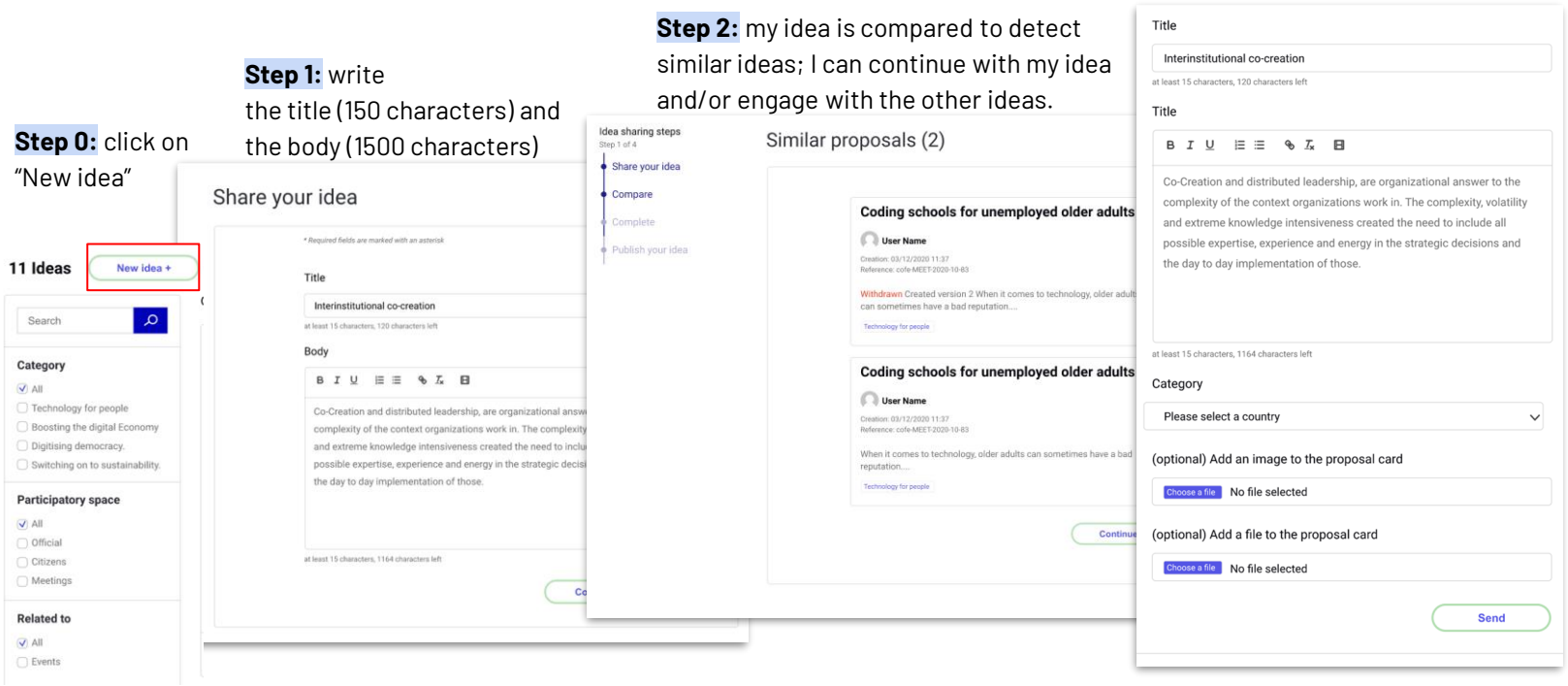
**Step 2:** my idea is compared to detect similar ideas; I can continue with my idea and/or engage with the other ideas.

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

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

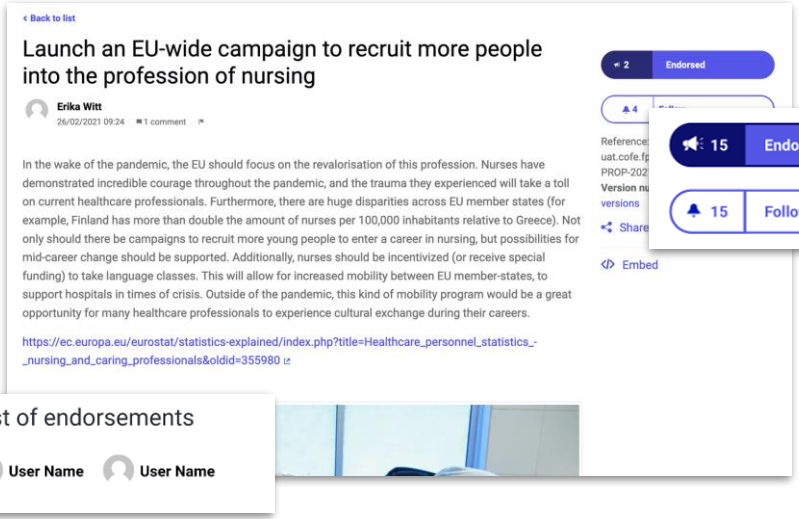
I can modify it during 30 minutes. I can still withdraw it later.

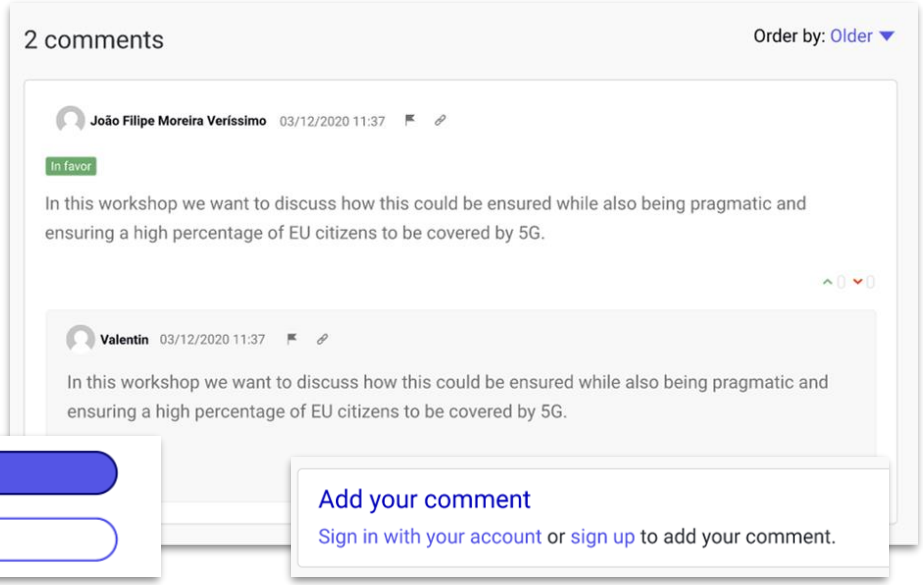
If I decide to delete my account later, my idea will remain visible on the platform, with my name being replaced by a label explaining I am no longer an user.



# 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.

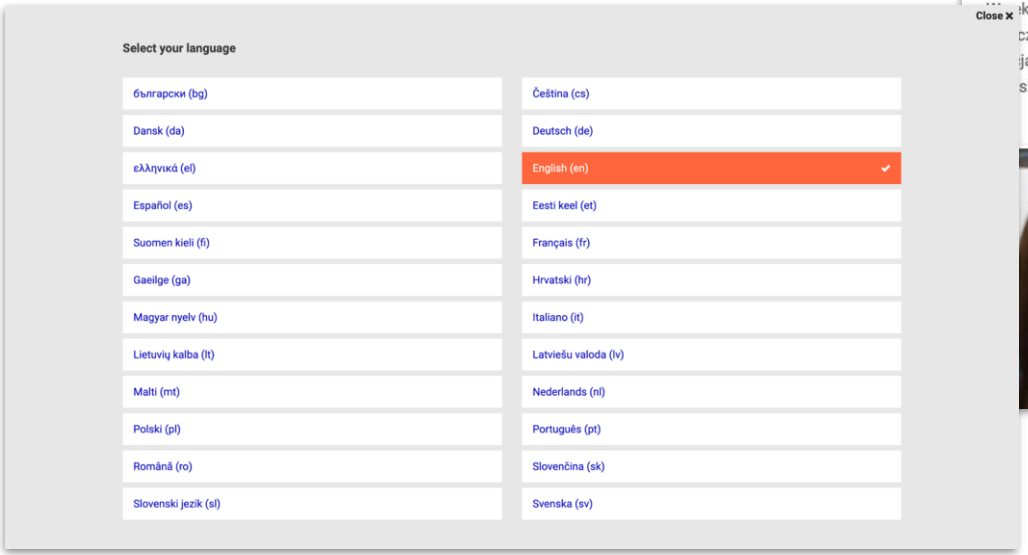


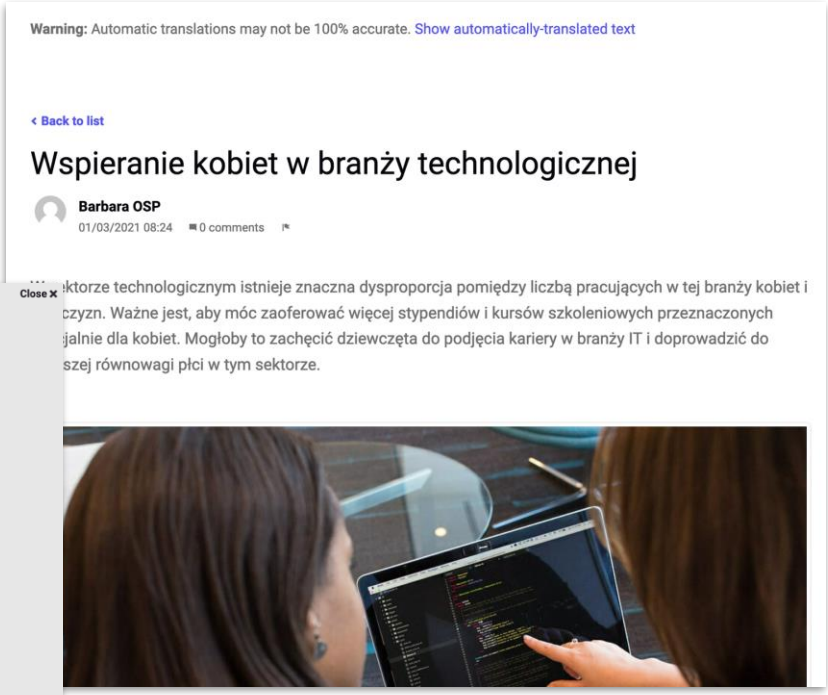




I can **comment on an idea** (my name also appears). This allows a **truly horizontal transnational dialogue between citizens**. Obviously, it will also require more **moderation**. There will have to be a team of moderators from day 1 on the platform.

# Multinliguism relying partly on machine translation

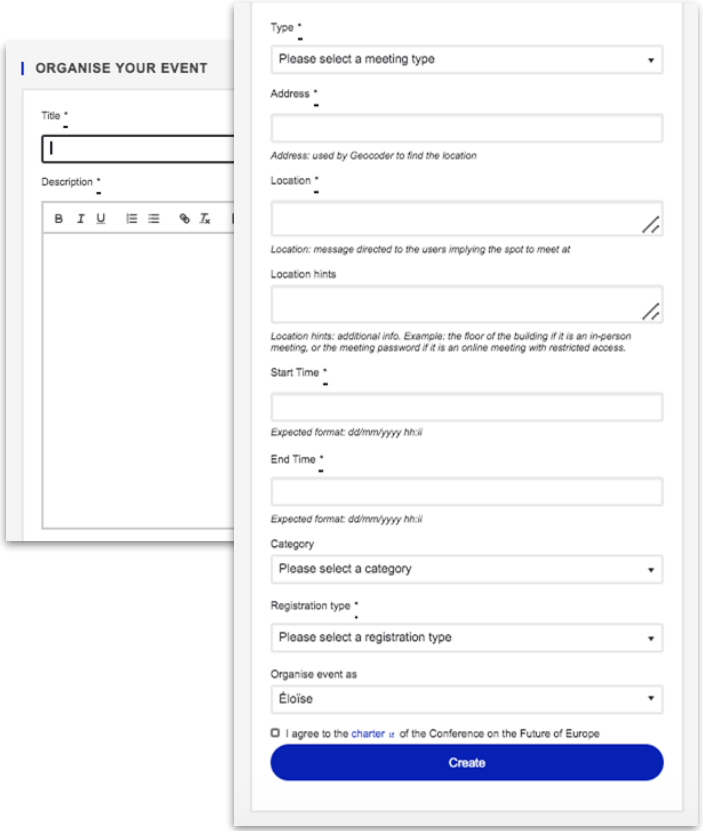
The header of the platform allows me to switch the browsing language at any time.
It is then possible to **read all contents in the original language of the contributor or my own language**.

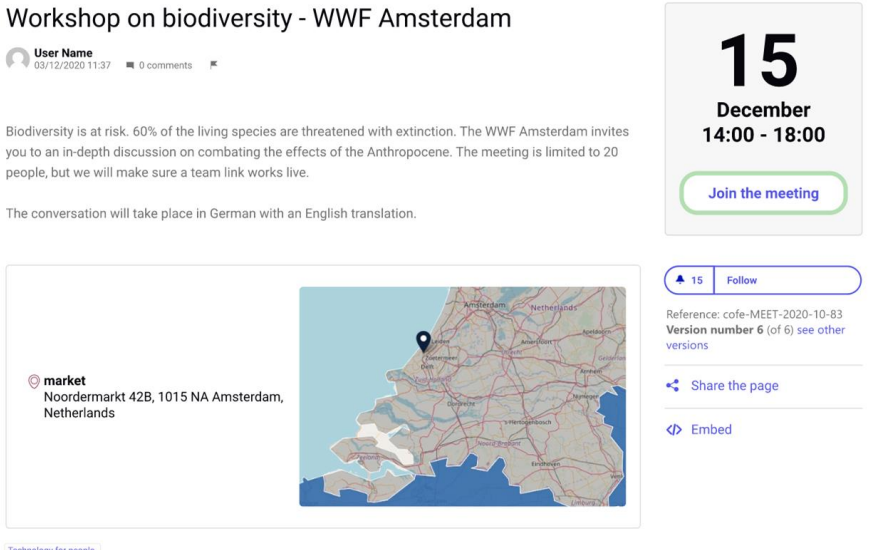


# Journey 3: Organise an event

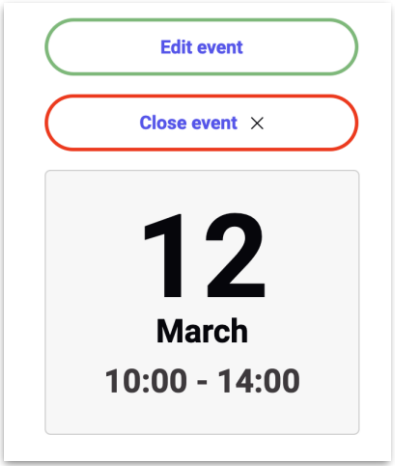
I I want to register my event, I fill a form with the address, video-conference link, start and end time, registration type… I have to check the box saying I agree to the Charter. When created, **my event appears on the map**.

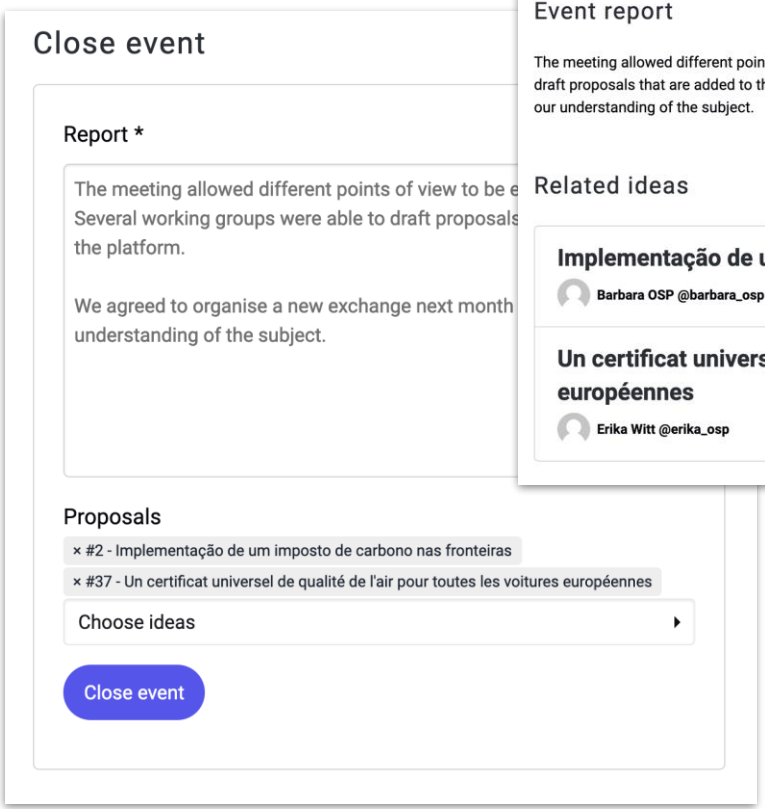


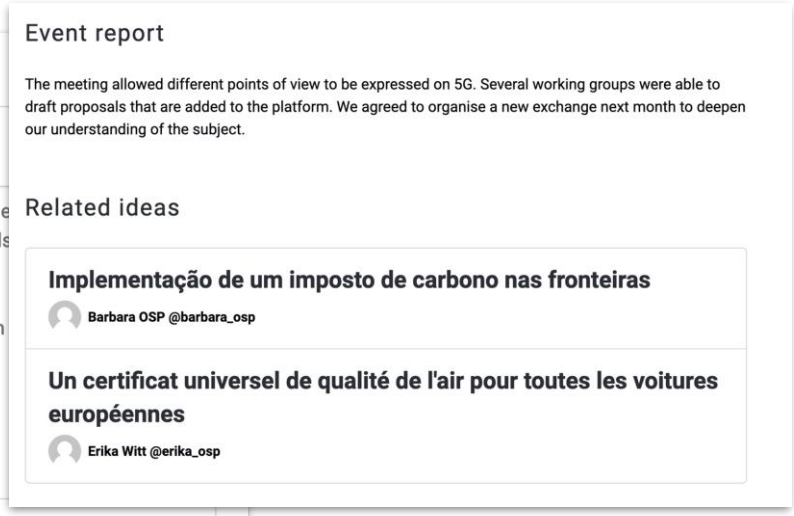


# Report on an event

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.



# Useful toolkits and links

The platform also offers a set of guides and tolkits 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
**Factsheet on the Conference roll-out**: https://ec.europa.eu/commission/presscorner/detail/en/fs_21_1822
**Promotional video of the platform**: https://audiovisual.ec.europa.eu/en/video/I-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