

On the Outcomes of the Conference on the Future of Europe

The Congress of the Alliance of Liberals and Democrats for Europe (ALDE) Party convening virtually on 11-12 June 2021:

Believing that:

- citizens stand at the centre of the European construction;
- a citizens' conference is the ideal place to express and discuss visions of our collective European future;
- the EU needs to increase its transparency and have a clearer division of responsibilities between the different institutions and member states.

Noting that:

- Europeans hope to see, as a result of the Conference on the Future of Europe, an in-depth reform of the different political institutions of the European Union and that strengthens the democratic accountability of the (European) Council and the European Commission;
- Europeans expect the Conference to be a platform for them to express their opinion and ideas on improving the EU, but also to see some political action based on the outcomes of this project;
- in the past, the Convention on the Future of Europe did not introduce an EU Constitution, but did provide for Treaty changes, leading to the current Treaty of Lisbon;
- a failure to take the outcomes and recommendations of the Conference on the Future of Europe seriously and implement them accordingly would not only be a missed opportunity for reform, but it would also likely lead to an increase in distrust and scepticism towards the European Union and the institutions.

Calls for:

- the Conference on the Future of Europe to be not just a talking exercise, but a genuinely democratic process which offers citizens the chance to make their voices heard, and for those voices to form the basis of sustainable;
- the voices of the youth to be reflected, as they have a high vested interest in a European Future;
- a Convention on the Future of Europe according to Article 48 (3) TEU could be convened in the aftermath of the Conference, in order to implement said conclusions and to lay the foundation for a European Constitution.

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