

CHRONOLOGY OF NEGOTIATIONS ON THE CONFERENCE ON THE FUTURE OF EUROPE (COFOE)

2019	4 th March	FRA	French President Macron proposes to launch a CoFoE during the European electoral campaign. Speech by Emmanuel Macron: For European Renewal .
	16 th July	COM	Ursula von der Leyen follows up on Macron's proposal in an election bid to the EP. Opening Statement by von der Leyen.
	10 th September	COM	The new Commission's Political Guidelines include a plan to launch a CoFoE. Von der Leyen: A Union that strives for more. My agenda for Europe .
	27 th November	FRA/GER	Franco-German Non-Paper on key questions and guidelines lays out a proposed structure and timetable for a CoFoE.
	1 st December	COM	In the Mission Letter to Commissioner Šuica Commission President von der Leyen gives her the responsibility to lead the Commission's work on the CoFoE.
	12 th December	EUCO	The European Council asks the Croatian Presidency to work on a Council position on the CoFoE.
2020	15 th January	EP	The EP adopts a resolution: »the European Parliament's Position on the CoFoE« .
	22 nd January	COM	The Commission adopts its position in a communication: »Shaping the Conference on the Future of Europe« .
	12 th February	CoR	The Committee of the Regions adopts a position in its Draft Resolution on the CoFoE.
	13 th April	PRESS	Commissioner Šuica questions in an interview that someone is interested in institutional reforms.
	17 th April	EP	EP expresses in a resolution on the COVID-19 pandemic the need to convene the CoFoE as soon as possible »to bring about a profound reform of the Union« .
	5 th May	EP	An EP Working Document on the 70 th Anniversary of the Schuman Declaration, stresses the need for institutional reforms and citizen's participation in the CoFoE.
	24 th May	PRESS	The Frankfurter Allgemeine Zeitung reports that Angela Merkel said the outcome of the CoFoE could include treaty changes.
	16 th June	PRESS	Mehreen Khan reports that neither the Commission nor the member states back the CoFoE, which has been dismissed as a »plaything to distract MEP« in early 2020.
	18 th June	EP	The EP adopts a resolution on the CoFoE regarding the COVID-19 situation and urges the Council to adopt a position.
	24 th June	COUNCIL	The Council adopts its position .
	24 th November	PARTIES	CDU/CSU-Group in the EP publishes a position paper for the beginning of the CoFoE and outlines its priorities.
	26 th November	EP	The EP calls in its resolution »Stocktaking of European elections« for an »ambitious, interactive and inclusive« CoFoE to »bring about significant changes to the policies and the institutional architecture of the EU« .
	9 th December	PARTIES	The S&D Group in the EP publishes its priorities for the CoFoE.
	17 th December	COUNCIL / EP / COM	The institutions agree on their legislative priorities for 2021 , committing themselves to citizens' participation in the CoFoE.
2021	12 th January	EP	Several MEPs call for a start of the Conference on the Future of Europe in an op-ed article at EU Observer .
	12 nd February	EP	The AFCD-Committee reflects in a Working Document on how to organise citizens' and civil society participation in the CoFoE.
	5 th March	EP / COM / COUNCIL	With a Joint Declaration , the EU institutions concluded an agreement on the structure and scope of the CoFoE.