

The Conference on the Future of Europe provides a unique opportunity for everyone to contribute to the discussions about what kind of Union we want to build together. The pandemic has shown that citizens expect a lot from the EU, but the EU does not always have all the tools it needs to deliver.

I feel personally engaged to work for a European Union where men and women have equal rights and opportunities; where no one is discriminated for their belief, origin or sexual orientation; where we bridge the gap between rich and poor and make sure that all technological advances benefit everyone equally and protect those who are most vulnerable. I believe in a European Union where everyone can have a say, where freedom of the press and of expression is enshrined and all levels of administration can work together for the general interest, always respecting the rule of law and the separation of powers.

You may have other concerns, hopes or dreams, and we want to hear about them. The pandemic has made us all familiar with new tools to connect with each other online and the #Progressives4Europe platform, which you can read more about here, gives us a chance to listen to a wide range of voices.

Nothing can replace face-to-face encounters, but with new online tools, we can reach out to people much further. But as the pandemic eases, we are continuously stepping up our activities on the Conference on the Future of Europe where citizens' views are the focus. Look out for an event in your local area soon!

I encourage everyone to join the debate and I hope for broad participation, as democracy will only be deepened through this Conference if we involve those who are usually excluded from the public debate.

From the very beginning, we committed to delivering a more democratic and more transparent Union. By reaching out to people and closing the gap between citizens and the European institutions, we want to make it clear that this is a shared project and we can work together, in every corner of Europe.

Progressive partners are coming together to work toward a common vision for a fairer future so that we can revive the spirit of solidarity that gave birth to the EU in the first place. For our parents and grandparents, Europe meant freedom, peace and prosperity. For our generation, and for future generations, Europe must be about equality, solidarity and hope. We all have an opportunity to shape it and now it is over to you to have your say!



Iratxe García Pérez  
S&D Group President

We stand for an inclusive European society based on principles of solidarity, equality, diversity, freedom and fairness. We campaign for social justice, jobs and growth, consumer rights, sustainable development, financial market reforms and human rights, to create a stronger and more democratic Europe, and a better future for all citizens.

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YOUR VOICE  
OUR EUROPE**

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# About the Conference on the Future of Europe

The EU has launched its biggest ever citizens consultation. The Conference will host inclusive debates on a wide-ranging issues to inform Europe's future decisions.

The S&D Group in the European Parliament also wants to reach out to every corner of Europe to listen to what people want from the EU.

The #Progressives4Europe platform has been set up at the initiative of the S&D Group to bring our voices together for a stronger Europe. S&D MEPs will make sure that your voice is heard.

## Our partners

The #Progressives4Europe initiative was developed in cooperation with the Party of European Socialists (PES), PES Women, Young European Socialists (YES), the PES Group in the Committee of the Regions, the Foundation for European Progressive Studies (FEPS) and Solidar.



*"It's time for Europe to reconnect with citizens and their ambitions for a fairer and more sustainable Union. The Conference is a moment for the progressive political family to lead the future course for Europe. We are ready to make it a success."*



- Sergei Stanishev, President of the PES, S&D MEP

## S&D priorities

We need to protect our planet with a social European Green Deal that leaves no one behind.

Because every single person has the right to good health-care, we want to create a European Health Union.

We want a Europe where everyone earns a living wage, can afford decent housing and no child grows up in poverty.

We believe in global solidarity. It is time to focus on people, planet and prosperity, instead of maximum profits.

We never stay silent when it comes to defending EU rights and values, like women's rights or LGBTIQ+ rights.

The digital revolution is happening now. The EU's Digital Agenda must always have a strong social dimension.

Democracy is in danger in the EU! We want an EU tool to monitor the rule of law in every EU country so that democracy and fundamental rights are always respected.

We cannot turn our back on vulnerable people seeking international protection. We need an EU asylum and migration system based on solidarity.

We want the EU to be more active in shaping education policy. We need to close the educational gaps between different EU countries.

## What is your priority for the Future of Europe?

We believe in creating a fairer, more sustainable and more inclusive Europe, but we need your help.

Sign up to our multilingual platform that brings together European progressives to discuss the challenges ahead, share ideas and reshape Europe for the better.

**JOIN THE DEBATE,  
SHARE YOUR VISION,  
GET INVOLVED!**

*"We are leading the way in citizen engagement in the Conference on the Future of Europe, with a bottom-up approach to regular debate and conversations with local people all over Europe. Citizens and civil society are at the heart of all our activities."*



- Gaby Bischoff, S&D MEP

*"We need to listen to as many voices as possible to make sure that we are building the post-pandemic Europe that people expect and deserve. We have an online platform to involve people from all corners of Europe. Have your say!"*



- Marek Belka, S&D MEP and vice-president