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# MINUTES

**of the meeting of 2 March 2022, 16.15-18.45**

**Brussels**

The meeting opened at 16.23 on Wednesday, 02 March 2022, with Guy VERHOFSTADT (Chair) presiding.

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**1. Adoption of agenda** Draft Agenda (2022)0302\_EN

The agenda was adopted as proposed.

**2. Chair's announcements**

In the light of recent events, the Chair informed the Members of the intention to invite a delegation of Ukrainian refugees to the works of the Conference Plenary, to make them actively participate as stakeholders of the process, notably in the debate on the topic "EU in the World".

The Chair invited Parliament to be even more ambitious for the Conference. He called for initiating a Convention, to be announced on 9 May in a Common Declaration by the three Presidents on the results of the Conference. On this point, Manfred WEBER and Michiel HOOGEVEEN took the floor. On a proposal of the Chair, Members agreed to discuss this item further at the next Delegation meeting.

Furthermore, the Chair presented the result of the final round of the four European Citizen Panels and the revised calendar proposed by the Co-Chairs. The latter still needs to be endorsed by the Executive Board, with a view to adding an additional Plenary meeting in April. He outlined the expected work of the Conference Plenary in the next two months as follows:

- **March I Plenary:** presentation and discussion of the recommendations from Panels 1 and 4;
- **March II Plenary:** discussion and debriefing of the Plenary by the Working Groups on the work done;
- **April I session:** discussion of all the proposals of the Working Groups;
- **April II session** (still subject to approval by the Executive Board): conclusion of the work, based on possibly reworked proposals in the Working Groups. At the end of this process, the **citizens will have the possibility to express themselves** on the proposals, however without a ‘veto’.
- **9 May: closing event**, and a common declaration of the three Presidents formally stating their engagement on the agreed follow-up.

Finally, the Chair announced several documents of interest to the Delegation. These comprise, first, two studies -out of a total of four- by the Parliament services, outlining the EP position and any existing/forthcoming EU proposals and acts for each of the recommendations. This overview is produced by the European Research Service (EPRS), together with the Directorates-General for Internal Policies (IPOL) and for External Policies (EXPO). Second, Members received the guidelines agreed by the Co-Chairs on how to move from citizen recommendations to plenary proposals. Third, the Chair mentioned that work was being finalised on the internal EP working methods for this last phase, which would be circulated shortly.

In conclusion, the Chair reminded Members of the second joint meeting of National Parliaments and European Parliament delegations to the Conference on 24 March in Strasbourg, with would aim to discuss a joint paper with common proposals.

**3. Exchange of views on the recommendations of European Citizens' Panel 1 on "A stronger economy, social justice and jobs / Education, culture, youth and sport / Digital transformation" and European Citizens' Panel 4 on "EU in the world / Migration", in preparation of the Conference Plenary of 11 and 12 March 2022**

Exchange of views

The Chair opened the point.

The subsequent exchange of views was divided into five debates on the corresponding sub-topics, in the order set out below. The responsible European Parliament coordinator, when present, introduced each debate, respectively:

- (1) "*A stronger economy, social justice and jobs*";
- (2) "*Education, culture, youth and sport*";
- (3) "*Digital transformation*";
- (4) "*Europe in the World*";
- (5) "*Migration*".

The following Members took the floor:

- (1) "*A stronger economy, social justice and jobs*": Siegfried MURE AN, Nicola BEER, Domènec RUIZ DEVESA, Monika VANA, Michiel HOOGEVEEN, Sandra PEREIRA, Sirpa PIETIKÄINEN, Niklas NIENASS.
- (2) "*Education, culture, youth and sport*": Laurence FARRENG, Isabel WISELER-LIMA, Victor NEGRESCU, Niklas NIENASS, Helmut SCHOLZ, Alicia HOMS GINEL.
- (3) "*Digital transformation*": Alessandro PANZA, Sandra PEREIRA, Josianne CUTAJAR.
- (4) "*Europe in the world*": Andrius KUBILIUS, Costas MAVRIDES, Hélène LAPORTE, Danuta HÜBNER, Domènec RUIZ DEVESA, Paulo RANGEL.
- (5) "*Migration*": Marc ANGEL, Sun ana GLAVAK, Nils UŠAKOVŠ, Jordi SOLÉ, Gunnar BECK, Fernando BARRENA ARZA.

The Chair concluded the point.

**4. Any other business**

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**5. Next meeting**

16 March 2022 in Brussels.

The meeting ended at 19.15h.

## **ATTENDANCE LIST**

### **PHYSICALLY PRESENT IN THE ROOM**

ANGEL, BECK, BEER, DURAND, GLAVAK, GOZI, HOMS GINEL, HOOGEVEEN, KARAS, KUBILIUS, MAVRIDES, MURE AN, NEGRESCU, OLIVIER, PEREIRA, PIETIKÄINEN, PUIGDEMONT I CASAMAJÓ, RANGEL, RUIZ DEVESA, SCHIEDER, SCHOLZ, SILVA PEREIRA, SOLÉ, UŠAKOVŠ, VERHOFSTADT, WISELER-LIMA

### **REMOTE PRESENCE**

AI-SAHLANI, BARRENA ARZA, BECK, BIZZOTTO, CLUNE, CUTAJAR, FARRENG, GLAVAK, HÜBNER, HUHTASAARI, KUMPULA-NATRI, LAPORTE, MAVRIDES, NIENAß, PANZA, RANGEL, SCHEIDER, TOIA, VANA