

HIGH LEVEL CONFERENCE CIVIL SOCIETY AND THE FUTURE OF EUROPE

#AppeldeParis

Palais d'Iéna, Paris, France
30 June 2022

On **30th June 2022**, the last day of the French Presidency of the Council of the European Union, we invite you to the Palais d'Iéna from 9 am to 5.30 pm **to attend and take part in the collective drafting of the Paris Declaration**, alongside representatives of French, Czech and European civil society, members of EU institutions and academics. This day will play a vital role in **shaping the future of civil society in Europe by rethinking its political and institutional role**, in the wake of the reflections undertaken during the Conference on the Future of Europe.



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PROGRAMME

This event is labelled as part of the French Presidency of the Council of the European Union. This programme is indicative: it may be subject to slight changes in the timetable or speakers.

9:00 REGISTRATION AND WELCOMING OF PARTICIPANTS

9:45 OPENING SESSION

10:30 INTRODUCTORY REMARKS

Thierry Beaudet, President of the Economic, Social and Environmental Council

Claire Thoury, President of the Mouvement Associatif

Jean Marc Roirant, President of Civil Society Europe

Sandrine Gaudin, Secretary General for European Affairs and Europe Advisor to the Prime Minister (SGAE)

DISCUSSION ON THE CONFERENCE ON THE FUTURE OF EUROPE

Colin Scicluna, Chief of Cabinet of Dubravka Šuica, Vice-President of the European Commission for Democracy and Demography and Co-Chair of the Conference on the Future of Europe

Milosh Ristovski, Co-chair of the Civil Society Convention for the Conference on the Future of Europe, Secretary General of the Young European Federalists
Alexandrina Najmowicz, Co-chair of the Civil Society Convention for the Conference on the Future of Europe, Secretary General of the European Civic Forum

10:30 PANEL 1: TOWARDS INCLUSIVE, SUSTAINABLE AND FAIR POLICIES FOR THE CITIZENS OF THE UNION: KEY DEMANDS OF EUROPEAN CIVIL SOCIETY
13:00

MODERATOR :

Françoise Sivignon, Member of the Economic, Social and Environmental Council, Vice-President of Reporters Without Borders

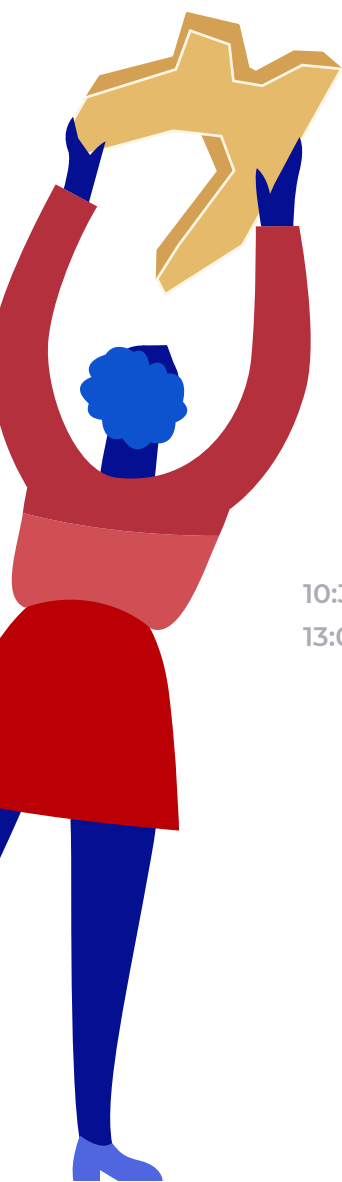
DISCUSSION WITH :

Thierry Cadart, Member of the Economic, Social and Environmental Council and former National Secretary of the European Trade Union Confederation

Patrizia Heidegger, Chair of the Civil Society Convention thematic cluster on the fight against Climate Change and Environmental Challenges

Elisa Gambardella, Chair of the Civil Society Convention thematic cluster on Social Europe

Richard Youngs, Senior Fellow in the Democracy, Conflict and Governance Program, Carnegie Europe



11:00 **First pillar: to fight against inequalities, redefine the economic and social objectives of european governance?**
11:45

11:45
12:00 **COFFEE BREAK**

12:00 **Second pillar: how to strengthen and defend democratic values in europe?**
12:45

**DEBATE IN
THE HEMICYCLE**

This participative moment will end with the selection of the social, economic and environmental measures proposed by the participants that will be included in the first part of the Paris Declaration, a road map of European civil society.

13:00
14:30 **LUNCH BREAK**

14:30 **PANEL 2: COLLECTIVELY RETHINKING THE ROLE OF CIVIL SOCIETY IN EUROPEAN DECISION-MAKING PROCESSES**
16:00

13 years after Lisbon: what place for civil society in the UE's decision-making process?

Civil society and representative associations have a role to play in the implementation of European social, economic and environmental priorities, which they help to bring to the fore, as close as possible to the citizens. Faced with the urgency of contemporary challenges, how can we renew the European approach to «civil society»?

MODERATOR : **Frédérique Pfrunder**, General Delegate of the Mouvement Associatif

DISCUSSION WITH : **Ariane Rodert**, Vice President of the Civil Society Organisations' Group at the European Economic and Social Committee
Marie-Amelie Le Fur, President of the Associations Grouping at the Economic, Social and Environmental Council
Gabriella Civico, Member of the Steering Committee of Civil Society Europe
Floriant Covelli, General Director of the French Institute of the Monde Associatif



DEBATE IN
THE HEMICYCLE

*What are the key recommendations for a European strategy on civil society?
How can civil dialogue be institutionalised, expanded and strengthened?
What avenues should be explored for an ambitious application of Article 11
of the TEU?*

This participatory moment will end with the selection of key measures to build the future of European civil dialogue, that will be included in the second part of the Paris Declaration.

16:00
16h30 COFFEE BREAK

16:30
17:15

ADOPTION OF THE PARIS DECLARATION

The text of the Declaration, as a result of the day's collaborative work, will be submitted for a final reading and vote in the hemicycle.

STATEMENTS BY :

Veronika Musilová, Head of Unit, Antici & Coordinator of COREPER II, Permanent Representation of the Czech Republic to the European Union
Petr Lebeda, Glopolis, National Platform of Czech Civil Society
Frédérique Pfunder, General Delegate of the Mouvement Associatif

17:15 CLOSING
17:30 CLOSING REMARKS

Claire Thoury, President of the Mouvement Associatif
Jean Marc Roirant, President of Civil Society Europe
Thierry Beaudet, President of the Economic, Social and Environmental Council



ORGANISERS

ECONOMIC, SOCIAL AND ENVIRONMENTAL COUNCIL

The **Economic, Social and Environmental Council (CESE)** is an essential part of French democracy. Through its 175 members, appointed by intermediary bodies, which include associations, trade unions and employers' organisations, it advises the French Government and Parliament and participates in the elaboration and evaluation of public policies in its fields of competence. Since the 2021 reform, the CESE has been entrusted with new missions, allowing citizen participation to enrich its work.

CIVIL SOCIETY EUROPE

Civil Society Europe (CSE), the coordinator of civil society organisations in Europe, has contributed to the Conference on the Future of Europe through the coordination of a Civil Society Convention for the Conference on the Future of Europe (CSO CoFoE) gathering 82+ European networks and platforms with constituencies all over Europe. The Civil Society Convention connects millions of individuals engaged in many aspects of life, from education to culture, social inclusion, environmental environment, democracy, and transparency. Through a bottom-up, crowdsourcing method, the Civil Society Convention developed recommendations that were then debated in the Working Groups of the Plenary of the Conference on the Future of Europe.

LE MOUVEMENT ASSOCIATIF

Bringing together, through its members, more than 700,000 associations, **Le Mouvement associatif** represents more than half of the associations in France. It covers various fields of activity (sports, culture, youth, education, international solidarity, health, social, the environment) and is present in 13 French regions. The Mouvement associatif works towards the development of a civil society friendly policy and advocates for a fairer, more sustainable and more humane society.