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PRESS RELEASE

The Manifesto “Research and Innovation for the Future of Europe” delivered to the Conference Plenary

The Manifesto has been already endorsed by 94 R&I organisations and associations. The Plenary of the Conference on the Future of Europe (CoFoE) will start to discuss tomorrow the first Citizens' Panels' recommendations

“We call on the Conference on the Future of Europe to discuss and deepen Research & Innovation issues over the months to come, so as to place R&I at the core of the debate on the EU’s future challenges and priorities”.

This is the main message included in the Manifesto *Research and Innovation for the Future of Europe*, launched last November and already endorsed by 94 organisations and associations. Supporters represent the entire European R&I landscape: over 600 universities, more than 400 research institutions and RTOs, 140 business associations, over 150 regional and local bodies.

Full text and list of supporters are available in attachment and on researchforeurope.eu.

Today, the Manifesto has been delivered to the Conference Plenary members, which will meet on Friday 21 and Saturday 22 January to debate the first 90 recommendations adopted in the past weeks by the European Citizens' Panels on '[European democracy / Values and rights, rule of law, security](#)' and '[Climate change, environment / Health](#)', and related recommendations from National Citizens' Panels.

Indeed, according to the CoFoE procedures, the Plenary is tasked to debate Citizens' recommendations «without a pre-determined outcome» and put forward, on a consensual basis, its proposals to the CoFoE Executive Board, which will draw up a report – i.e. the outcome of the Conference - «in full collaboration and full transparency with the Plenary».

The [Conference on the Future of Europe](#), which started last spring and has now entered its decisive phase, has been presented as a unique opportunity for European citizens to reflect and debate on Europe’s challenges and priorities.

There is no doubt that the future of Europe and its citizens will be largely linked to our performance in science and technology - the Manifesto states. In the coming years, research and innovation will be crucial to steer Europe’s recovery,

preparedness and resilience, accelerate the twin green and digital transitions, and support the EU's aspirations of open strategic autonomy.

The Manifesto *Research and Innovation for the Future of Europe* is public on researchforeurope.eu and can be still supported both as an organization and individually.

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