

# PROGRAM

European Office, Brussels

## Perspectives on the EU from the center of European societies

*Presentation of the research results of the Europe-wide survey on the future of Europe*

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**When:**                      **March 17, 2022**  
                                      **14:00 – 15:45 CET**

**Where:**                     **Brussels - Online**

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**"The future is not to be foreseen, but to be made possible"**<sup>1</sup>. True to this quote, the European Commission committed itself to a new, unprecedented project starting in 2020: Making democracy a tangible experience, bringing it closer to EU citizens and implementing it together with civil society actors - that was and is the objective. As a result of pandemic-related delays, the European Union finally embarked on an unprecedented and complex democratic experiment in May 2021: a bottom-up debate on European reforms in the shape of a citizens' assembly - **The Conference on the Future of Europe**. After a decade of crises and against the backdrop of the Corona pandemic, the European Union set out to address and overcome current challenges with the involvement of its citizens in a series of forums.

The European Office of the Konrad-Adenauer-Stiftung therefore decided to contribute to these debates in 2021 by conducting a survey in twelve EU member states, focusing on representative sectors of society. The aim of the research project was to find out whether and where EU citizens from the center of the society in different EU member states share common perspectives and values that underpin European integration. Do current political debates reflect what citizens expect from the EU and its member states? Which common Christian Democratic values and ideas can be found in the member states beyond the political debates and discourses? And what do these differences and commonalities mean for European politics at both national and EU level? Which path should the Union take?

We cordially invite you to participate in our upcoming Online-Event on **Thursday, March 17, 2022, starting at 2 p.m. CET**, where the results of the representative survey **"Perspectives on the future of Europe from the center of European societies"** will be presented. The European Office of the KAS, together with the Egmont Institute, is pleased to have secured the participation of **Manfred Weber, Prof. Dr. Norbert Lammert, Isabelle Garzon, Lena Düpont and Lídia Pereira** for the event.

We look forward to your participation!

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<sup>1</sup> Antoine de Saint-Exupéry

Thursday, March 17, 2022

- 14:00 – 14:10      **Welcome and Opening Remarks**
- Prof. Dr. Norbert Lammert**  
**Chairman of the Konrad-Adenauer-Stiftung e.V.**  
President of the German Bundestag (ret.)
- 14:10 – 14:25      **Keynote**
- Manfred Weber MEP**  
**Chairman of the EPP Parliamentary Group**
- 14:25 – 14:40      **Presentation of the research results**
- Johannes Greubel**  
**Egmont Royal Institute for International Relations**
- 14:40 – 14:45      ***Live from the Ground***  
*Caroline Kanter – KAS France*
- 14:45 – 15:15      **Panel Discussion**
- Isabelle Garzon**  
**Director of Studies and Development of Europe**  
**Jacques Delors Institute, Brussels Office**
- Lena Düpont**  
**Member of the European Parliament**
- Lídia Pereira**  
**President of the YEPP**  
**Member of the European Parliament**
- Moderated by***  
*Kerstin Born-Sirkel*  
*ifok*
- 15:15 – 15:20      ***Live from the Ground***  
*Elisabeth Bauer – KAS Lithuania*
- 15:20 – 15:35      **Open Discussion (Q&A)**
- 15:35 – 15:45      **Summary and Concluding remarks**  
**Kerstin Born-Sirkel**

**Organization:**

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