

# CITIZENS' ENGAGEMENT Platform



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## What is it?

A multilingual digital space to host the European Commission's participatory and deliberative processes on a variety of fronts. These may involve topics outlined in the Commission's work programme, reflections on policy strategies, or other relevant themes crucial to EU policymaking.

The Platform aims to enable citizens from all walks of life and from all corners of the European Union, to share their ideas and exchange with others. Anyone can create a profile on the Citizens' Engagement Platform and participate in the online debates. Using innovative translation technology, citizens can create content and interact in the 24 official EU languages.

## **Have Your Say!**

The revamped 'Have Your Say' portal is the Commission's "one-stop-shop" for online citizen engagement. It delivers on a commitment of the Conference on the Future of Europe, and is composed of three gateways:

- Public Consultations and Feedback
- European Citizens Initiative
- Citizens' Engagement Platform

#### **Main benefits**

The Citizens' Engagement Platform provides a new channel for the Commission to actively engage with citizens, civil society and other stakeholders and improve the quality of EU policymaking. It responds to citizens' calls for a user-friendly digital platform where they can express their views on important EU matters.

# How can citizens participate?

Citizens, civil society and all other stakeholders can participate online by:

- Submitting their ideas and proposals on the EU issues under debate, either as individual contributions or as a report from an event;
- Commenting on other participants' contributions;
- **3** Endorsing other participants' contributions.



# **Analysis and feedback process**

All contributions submitted on the Citizens' Engagement Platform - be they proposals, comments, or event reports - are analysed using text-mining tools developed by the Commission's Joint Research Centre (JRC). This analysis informs both a team of analysts that summarises the debates and the policy-makers. It may also feed into the deliberations of a participatory format such as the European Citizens' Panels.

These summaries are published on the **Platform and inform the participants** and wider community of the main outcomes of the debates, ensuring also the **transparency of the citizen engagement process**.

# **MORE INFORMATION**

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