

# Democracy and Rule of Law, and the Future of Europe

Bringing together liberals, ideas and citizens for the Conference on the Future of Europe.

Democracy and Rule of Law are topics that have been high on Europe's agenda these last years, both internally and externally. Internally, one would have hoped the issue would have been settled. Democracy and respect for the rule of law are among the EU's founding principles. They are non-negotiable and must be upheld across the continent. Externally, democratic backsliding is visible around the world. A growing number of countries have adopted a more authoritarian and populist style of governing. In such times, the European Union should be the torchbearer of democracy, human rights, and the rule of law. It should devise concrete and effective procedures so that these values can be adequately protected at home.

## CoFoE Event

Event co-hosted by [Fondazione Luigi Einaudi, Via della Conciliazione 10, Rome](#)

(the event will take place in person and via Zoom, held in Italian with English translation)

**20 September 2021, 09:30 – 12:30 (CEST)**

## About the event

The event will focus on a topic of European relevance in the context of the Conference on the Future of Europe's citizens' platform. It will take place in a hybrid format, with an expert panel and a roundtable session, where experts can exchange ideas with policy makers and citizens. After the conference, major takeaways will be used to build a concrete policy proposal to address questions concerning our European future.

## Programme

**09:25** - People start connecting to the platform

**09:30** - Start of the event

**Welcoming remarks:** [Emma Galli](#), Professor, University la Sapienza, Scientific Coordinator of Fondazione Luigi Einaudi

**09:35** - Europe 2030: The Roadmap for a liberal Europe and how to get there

**Presenting the ELF Liberal White Book:** [Antonios Nestoras](#), ELF Policy and Research Coordinator

**09:45** - Opening of the works of the Conference

**Speaker:** [Sandro Gozi](#), MEP Renew Group, representative of EP at conference plenary

**10:00** - Experts Discussion - Democracy, Rule of Law, and the Future of Europe

## Speakers

- [Daniel Kaddik](#), Executive Director, European Liberal Forum
- [Massimo Tommasoli](#), Director of Global Programmes IDEA
- [Marco Mariani](#), Member of the Board of directors of ELF
- [Francesco Grillo](#), Director of VISION Think Thank
- [Pier Francesco Lotito](#), Professor, University of Florence

**Moderator:** [Sandro Gozi](#), MEP Renew Group

**11:00** - Coffee break

**11:15** - “CoFoE Public Consultation”

Ideas, questions and suggestions with experts and the audience.

**12:30** - Conclusions and closing remarks

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