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As part of the joint initiative on the Conference on the Future of Europe launched on 10 March 2021 by the European Parliament, the Council and the European Commission, and concluded on 9 May 2022, the Council has been fully committed to opening new spaces for debate with citizens to address the EU's challenges and priorities, in particular through the organisation of European Citizens' Panels. In this context, several Member States have also organised national Citizens' Panels. These panels have allowed citizens to deliberate and formulate a set of recommendations on which the Union can follow up.

Specific initiatives organised by public authorities at local, regional or national level to promote the engagement and effective participation of citizens and civil society organisations in public policy-making processes fall under the respective authority's competences.