



**Annual meeting of the presidents and secretaries-general
of the Economic and Social Councils of the EU and the EESC**

22-23 November 2021

Paris, Palais d'Iéna (9 Av. d'Iéna, 75016 Paris)

**PARTICIPATORY DEMOCRACY AND ITS ROLE IN MAKING THE EU RESILIENT AND FUTURE-PROOF
THE CONTRIBUTION OF THE EUROPEAN ECONOMIC AND SOCIAL COMMITTEE AND THE
NATIONAL ECONOMIC AND SOCIAL COUNCILS TO THE CONFERENCE ON THE FUTURE OF EUROPE**

Draft programme

Monday, 22 November 2021	
12:00	<i>Welcome and Registration Palais d'Iéna, 9 Av. d'Iéna, 75016 Paris</i>
12:30 – 2 p.m.	Buffet lunch
2 – 6 p.m.	<p>Opening by:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Thierry Beaudet, President of the Economic, Social and Environmental Council, France • Christa Schweng, President of the European Economic and Social Committee <p>First working session FOR A STRONGER, FUTURE-PROOF EUROPEAN UNION: THE VISION OF THE EESC AND NATIONAL ESCS</p> <p><i>(including break for interpreters / coffee break)</i></p>
6 p.m.	End of the first working day
6:30 p.m.	Cultural programme: visit of Architecture and Heritage City (<i>Cité de l'architecture et du patrimoine</i>), Palais Chaillot
7:30 p.m.	Dinner , at Palais d'Iéna

Tuesday, 23 November 2021	
8:30 – 9:30 a.m.	<i>Breakfast on the theme of maritime affairs (at the initiative of the Economic, Social and Environmental Council, participation volontaire)</i>
9:30 a.m. – 12:50 p.m.	Second working session THE EUROPE OF PARTICIPATORY DEMOCRACY: THE VOICE OF ESCs AND ORGANISED CIVIL SOCIETY AS AN ESSENTIAL ELEMENT IN SHAPING OUR COMMON FUTURE <i>(incl break for interpreters / coffee break)</i>
	Adoption of conclusions of the annual meeting
12:50 - 1 p.m.	Concluding remarks by: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Christa Schweng, President of the European Economic and Social Committee • Thierry Beaudet, President of the Economic, Social and Environmental Council, France
1 p.m.	End of the annual meeting
1 – 2:30 p.m.	Lunch
2:30 – 3 p.m.	<i>Guided visit of Palais d'Iéna (on voluntary basis)</i>

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