



RÉPUBLIQUE FRANÇAISE



Paris, 1st December 2021

To Chairpersons and participants

Dear Sir,

Dear Madam,

The French Presidency of the Council of the European Union will open in January next year against a backdrop of multiple challenges facing the European Union.

Internally, the European Union must find a way out of the pandemic, build its resilience and revitalise its economy, while simultaneously ensuring its ecological transition, overseeing its digital transformation and safeguarding the rule of law. Externally, the European Union must protect its borders whilst upholding its values and adopting a geopolitical position that promotes strategic autonomy and facilitates partnership building with third countries.

Launched in spring 2021, the Conference on the Future of Europe aims to outline responses to these challenges by building a dialogue with European citizens.

This unprecedented context requires the Union's Parliaments to enrich their debates within the COSAC.

After too many months of virtual meetings, we are delighted to invite you to join us in Paris for the COSAC Chairpersons' Meeting on 13th and 14th January 2022, in order to set this process in motion. We will invite you to consider renewing our working process, by forming dedicated working groups thus fostering in-depth dialogue.

Naturally, this meeting will also be an opportunity to present the priorities of the French Presidency. As it coincides with the twentieth anniversary of the introduction of the euro, this will be an opportunity to celebrate this milestone together by debating the achievements and the future of the single currency.

We look forward to welcoming you to the French Senate in Paris.

Yours faithfully,

Sabine THILLAYE
Chair

National Assembly European affairs
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Jean-François RAPIN
Chair

Senate European affairs committee