

COFE Action Toolkit

> Volt strives to transform politics to connect people across Europe. To do that, we need a permanent institution tasked to listen to all European citizens. The Conference on the Future of Europe (COFE) is our unique opportunity to transform European politics into a permanent participatory and inclusive exercise of European democracy.

COFE is truly a great chance and an unique opportunity for all Europeans to have their say on issues that are dear to them. It is a possibility for an epochal change transforming the way politics is done across Europe and how EU institutions are perceived by the large public. At the same time, it will not depend on the idea itself, but on its results. We aim at empowering citizens, and fostering and encouraging the dialogue between citizens themselves and with EU institutions.

This toolkit is directed to our both internal and external partners as the matter of transparency. We would like to explain our vision of COFE engagement and proposition of how we could shape the future of EU together!

Why?

We truly believe that citizens should be heard by the EU. We believe that citizens have to better understand how the EU functions, while at the same time the EU has to better respond to the needs of its citizens. We would like to help in creating an efficient and inclusive EU policy-making process involving all people living in our common home, Europe. We hope that the COFE is just the first step in establishing a permanent, self-motivated and self-aware participatory democracy model.

Volt is building up a broad coalition to foster social and political engagement that will push the EU to evolve.

We are looking for people, citizens groups and/or civil society organizations to help us work on coordination, organization and engagement in the Conference on the Future of Europe.

What do we ask for?

Start with registering for the COFE [portal](#). If you are involved in the COFE organisation in your country, in your region or if you are just simply interested in the topic, please let us know about that and let us work together.

Volt Europa's COFE task force meets on a weekly basis to create a basis for its concept. We strive to increase the effectiveness and inclusion of the conference. Thus, we would like to ask you to get involved in the Volt COFE coordination meetings, as individuals as well as a country chapter structure, in order to inspire others, to share your brilliant ideas and to make the best out of this great democratic idea.

What are we asking for in practice?

We would like to connect Volt together with as many organizations as possible at both chapter/country level and at the European level. The aim is to learn from each other, to share experience and organize several events over the next, at least 12 months of COFE lasting, as we believe with the power of cooperation. We hope that it will lead to the strengthening of the dialogue between the EU institutions and the citizens.

- At a country level COFE team/COFE coordinator should be selected and connection with [Volt COFE Campaign Leads](#) to be established.
- We should be addressing representatives of organizations for which COFE could be interesting.
- Presentation of our COFE engagement should be presented ([Volt COFE Campaign Leads](#) to provide you with needed information)
- Subsequently, we should organize a joint online round table for those interested, where we will agree on the next steps - i.e. activities that we could organize together.
- Subsequently, we will start the preparation of these activities, including PR activities regarding COFE.
- Activities as well as improvement suggestions should be aligned and registered to the COFE [digital platform](#).
- Please let us know if you are interested in COFE activities. In the coming days, we can call and discuss the details.
- During all activities, please align and stay in touch with [Volt COFE Campaign Leads](#)
- NEW: [COFE Digital Platform Overview and Volters COFE proposals spreadsheet](#) -> once you will submit policy proposals or events over COFE [digital platform](#) please submit them as well to our spreadsheet too. You will be as well able to see there updated analysis of the COFE platform.

Practical suggestions:

- Events:
 - Debates
 - Brainstorming sessions
 - Polls
 - Public actions
 - Lectures
 - Questionnaire on Facebook/Instagram and other social media
 - Panel discussion with FAQ
 - "Experts meet Citizens"
 - Flash Mobs
- Online (and if possible, in person) meetings with experts from topics that will be later on discussed by European Citizens Assembly
- Lesson learned session to see why current model does not work
- All of the events can be organized at local, country and international level.
- The preference goes to events that could be organized by cross-border cooperation, for example > Kehl (DE) and Strasbourg (FR) or > Katowice (PL) and Ostrava (CZ).

If you register an event or idea on COFE [digital platform](#) please place them in COFE Digital Platform Overview file.

Thank you!