

Consultation on the Future of Europe

Fields marked with * are mandatory.

Get involved in this consultation to express your concerns, hopes and expectations about the future of the EU. This is not about drafting EU rules and regulations. This is about making your voice heard by EU leaders to help them steer the right priorities for the years ahead. This questionnaire was created by a Panel of citizens selected on a random basis. It complements other initiatives from the European Commission on the Future of Europe.

1

What decisions taken at European Union level would make you prouder of belonging to the Union?

5000 character(s) maximum

Political decisions that impact on my daily life. Therefore, you need to know what I want. This consultation is first step, but it is necessary that civil society is meaningfully involved in the co-design of EU legislation. A coherent co-creation with frontline and end-users in the development of EU policies is crucial to ensure that the feeling of EU belonging is reinforced among EU citizens.

Q1. Which of the following would best describe the ideal future for the European Union?

at most 3 choice(s)

- A real government for the entire European Union
- Fair and equal access to education for all across Europe
- A high level of security
- Gender equality established everywhere
- Equal wages for the same job across the European Union
- A guaranteed minimum pension across the European Union
- A minimum level of guaranteed healthcare in all countries of the European Union
- Reduction in food waste
- Increased use of renewable energies
- Increase in organic agriculture

If other, please specify:

5000 character(s) maximum

Access to healthcare should be increased across Europe and healthcare professionals, in particular nurses, should be supported to reach the best outcomes possible through digitalisation of health and care, supporting working conditions and empowerment in the decision-making. The EU should put health and healthcare sustainability higher on its political agenda, supported by good governance.

2

Q2. To improve each of the following areas, would you prefer to have more, or less, harmonisation between European Union countries? Or would you prefer to keep the current situation?

	More harmonisation	The same	Less harmonisation
Wages	<input checked="" type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Education	<input checked="" type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Quality of agricultural goods	<input checked="" type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Consumer protection	<input checked="" type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Environmental standards	<input checked="" type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Quality of goods and services	<input checked="" type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Taxation	<input checked="" type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Animal welfare	<input checked="" type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Food safety	<input checked="" type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Pensions	<input checked="" type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Privacy and data protection	<input checked="" type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Minimum social benefits	<input checked="" type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>

3

Q3. On immigration in Europe, what should now be prioritised for the benefit of Europeans in 20 years' time?

at most 3 choice(s)

- Welcome all people who need to come into Europe
- Reinforce collaboration between EU countries in managing migration
- Develop a real common asylum policy
- Fight illegal immigration
- Reinforce controls at European Union borders to make sure people arriving do not represent a threat
- Impose strict limits on the arrival of new people

- Help to integrate migrants in the countries which are hosting them
- Create a real Border Guard Corps at European Union level
- Improve the situation in the countries where migrants come from

If other, please specify:

5000 character(s) maximum

4

Q4. From the following list, what should be prioritised in Europe to protect the environment?

at most 3 choice(s)

- Invest in more environmentally-friendly forms of transport (public transport, bicycles ...)
- Reduce energy consumption
- Reduce food waste
- Protect biodiversity
- Set stricter environmental norms for industry
- Develop renewable energies
- Deal with technological and electronic waste (mobile phones, etc)
- Increase recycling and waste sorting
- Preserve natural resources

If other, please specify:

5000 character(s) maximum

5

Q5. How could education and training be improved in Europe?

5000 character(s) maximum

From a nursing perspective, when it comes to education, training and life-long learning, the Directive 2005/36 /EC, amended by Directive 2013/55/EU, is a key EU legislative starting point, constituting a basis for a successful system change in which nurses take up advanced roles to respond to unmet needs of the population. Therefore, it is crucial to ensure that Directive 55 is adequately transposed to national education programmes and that policy-makers guarantee access to continuous professional development, which ensures evidence-based practice and, therefore, better quality care and outcomes.

Therefore, for the next enlargement wave, TAIX recommendations, written up with and by experts should be taken more seriously politically.

6

Q6. What should be the priorities for the EU to make life safer for its citizens?

at most 2 choice(s)

- Tackling cyber crime
- Combatting terrorism and radicalisation
- Better control of external borders
- More cooperation between countries in defence policy

If other, please specify:

5000 character(s) maximum

7

Q7. On reducing inequalities, what areas do you think the European Union should prioritise?

5000 character(s) maximum

A crucial priority for the EU should be addressing inequalities in access to healthcare, promoting a wider access to health services for EU citizens. This can be achieved by supporting primary and community care and investing in an appropriately educated and motivated nursing workforce.

Other crucial areas where reducing inequalities is key concern the gender dimension and wages. The EU should make sure that women are sufficiently represented and involved in decision-making processes and that nurses are fairly remunerated to keep them in the nursing profession.

8

Q8. What do you think should be done to improve access to healthcare for all Europeans?

at most 2 choice(s)

- More medical establishments
- More research on health
- More affordable medical treatments
- More physicians/doctors
- More money allocated to healthcare
- More medical staff in rural areas

If other, please specify:

5000 character(s) maximum

Nurses are not considered as medical staff; medical staff are ONLY doctors, and we have enough of them when we reform properly the healthcare ecosystems. Skills transfer is key, advanced nurse practitioners and nurse prescribing can solve already a lot! We need to urgently de-medicalise health and social care!

To improve access to healthcare, the EU should invest on primary and community care health services and support the nursing workforce. Nurses leaving the profession will impact significantly on the accessibility of health care. Investing in advanced roles for nurses, with special regard to the case managers and nurse prescribers, positively increasing access to health and social services for EU citizens, while boosting the pathway towards value-based healthcare systems. An advanced role with the appropriate skills-mix, building on the EFN Competency Framework, will future proof the design of an effective, responsive, dynamic and sustainable frontline workforce composition, as set out in the EFN Workforce Matrix 3+1. With the right education and workforce composition, nursing will remain, as they currently are, the core health professional group ensuring 'accessibility to health care'. Nurses' are key in guarantying timely access to affordable, preventive and curative health and social care of good quality.

9

Q9. In which of the following areas do you think technology will have the biggest impact in Europe?

at most 3 choice(s)

- Finance
- Crime
- Social protection
- Migration
- Education
- Social life
- Health
- Employment/ work

If other, please specify:

5000 character(s) maximum

10

Q10. What do you think should be done to provide European citizens with economic security?

at most 2 choice(s)

- Harmonise social rights
- Fight corruption
- Create a universal basic income
- Stimulate economic growth

- Provide jobs for everyone
- Guarantee a fair level of state pensions
- Increase welfare benefits for those with financial difficulties

If other, please specify:

5000 character(s) maximum

Corruption in the healthcare sector, and also in governmental setting is key to look at. EU accession should tackle these issues PRIOR EU accession.

11

Q11. What are the main risks/threats for the European Union in the coming years?

at most 5 choice(s)

- Another country or countries leaving the EU
- Poor management of immigration
- Brain drain
- Pollution
- Diseases, epidemics
- Armed conflict within the EU
- Conflicts with countries outside the EU
- Ageing population
- Political extremism
- Declining birth rate
- Disagreement between Member States
- Another country or countries joining the EU
- Terrorist attacks
- Natural disasters

If other, please specify:

5000 character(s) maximum

12

Q12. Regarding the future of agriculture, fishery and food production in Europe, what are the main actions that the EU should prioritise?

5000 character(s) maximum

Is there anything else you would like to add to express your concerns, hopes and expectations about the future of Europe ?

5000 character(s) maximum

13

* [I agree with the personal data protection provisions](#)

Country

Belgium

First name

Paul

Surname

De Raeve

Age

55

Gender

- Male
 Female

Email

paul.deraeve@skynet.be

Contact

COMM-DDG-data-protection@ec.europa.eu
