

Future4Citizens

19 October 2023, 09:00 – 17:30

CaixaForum Macaya, Barcelona

Future4Citizens (#F4C) is a European initiative to foster deliberation and democratic participation in Europe through a community-based approach. Rooted in Re-Imagine Europa's Narrative approach – *Listen, Reframe, Act* – the Future4Citizens project will host a series of Citizens Dialogues across Europe, to reimagine with local citizens alternative scenarios and solutions for our common future.

Globalisation and digitalisation have irreversibly changed our world. Inequality, social fragmentation and polarisation are widespread in our society, fed by anger and distrust towards all institutions. In a world that spirals out of control, we need to "*find a vaccine against anger*" (A. Damasio) and revert the cycle of distrust that dominates the social and political spheres. Yet, beneath these unconstructive and divisive emotions, there is a will to re-imagine: citizens urge for a better society in which voices are heard, and problems are answered with concrete actions. Engaging local communities in meaningful debates about their future is key to re-establishing trust and safeguarding those values and institutions most cherished by Europeans.

On 19th October 2023, Re-imagine Europa will launch the [Barcelona Citizens' Dialogues](#) hosting the first edition at CaixaForum Macaya, in cooperation with **La Caixa Foundation** and **the Spanish Committee of the European League for Economic Cooperation**, with the support of **Barcelona City Hall** and **The Former Member Association of the European Parliament**. The F4C Dialogue is under the framework of **Barcelona - European Capital of Democracy 23/24** and **the European Horizon Project ORBIS**.

By facilitating listening and addressing problems at their roots, Future4Citizens celebrates diversity of voices going beyond traditional narratives and building together innovative solutions. We value the diversity of opinions as an enriching element of the deliberative process and bring people together to identify shared objectives. The uniqueness of this project is in uniting people behind positive visions and diagnosing potential for social actions. The final outcomes from different countries will be translated into policy proposals to help build the political agenda ahead of the 2024 European elections.

PROVISIONAL PROGRAMME

(Version updated on 03 October 2023)

09:00 **Registration and welcome coffee**

Opening session

Auditorium – Floor –2

09:30 **What is the Future that citizens want?**

Institutional welcome by:

- **"La Caixa" Foundation**

Interventions by:

- **Irene Milleiro, Member of the Advisory Board of Re-Imagine Europa, Director of Ashoka Spain**
- **Francesc Homs Ferret, President of ELEC-LECE**

09:40 **A narrative kaleidoscope: revealing the multitude of realities**

Keynote address by:

- **Professor Manuel Castells, Sociologist and former Minister of the Spanish Government**

10:00 **The journey begins... Immersion in the scene**

Presentation of the working sessions

Block 1: "LISTEN"

Room CDD – Floor 2

Know the different narratives of the attendees on the great global trends. Talk about the major global trends perceived by attendees. Reflect on the challenges and priorities of the next 20 years.

10:20 The magic of Barcelona: What captures my heart?*Individual and group activity***10:30 Navigating Global Trends & Future Directions***Group activity***11:10 Memories of the future***Individual and group activity***11:30 We want to hear your voice***Group activity***Block 2: "REFRAME"**

Room CDD – Floor 2

Reflect on those social challenges that need urgent solutions. Identify alternatives and solutions to the challenges posed in the previous block.

12:20 Global Trends: Root Cause Exploration*Group activity***12:45 Shared visions and common interests***Group activity***13:15 Finding Common Ground: Vision Statement***Group activity***13:30 Lunch***Macaya Room – Floor 1***Block 3: "ACT"**

Room CDD – Floor 2

Work with experts to translate innovative solutions into concrete actions to present to political representatives.

14:30 Expanding the horizons of the mind

Re-imagine the great challenges and what policies around the economy, the planet and democracy should look like.

- *Re-Imagine Democracy: Fernando Guirao, Jean Monnet Chair of History, UPF (Universitat Pompeu Fabra)*
- *Re-Imagine Economy: Xavier Prats-Monné, Senior International Advisor for Public Policy, Education and European Affairs*
- *Re-Imagine Planet & Sustainability: Alicia Pérez-Porro, CREAM Scientific Coordinator*

14:45 Factory of visionary transformations

Group activity

15:15 **Voting session – Solutions Box**

Individual activity: Each participant chooses the 3 most transformative concepts

15:25 **Building Solutions Together: Towards a Common Future**

Group activity: Each group works with experts to translate the most voted solutions into concrete and feasible policy proposals

16:15 **Summary session**

Each group prepares the results of its discussions with the experts and facilitators

CONCLUSIONS

Auditorium – Floor –2

16:35 **End of the trip: Main Conclusions**

Presentation of the results by the experts:

- **Fernando Guirao** for *Re-Imagine Democracy*
- **Xavier Prats-Monné** for *Re-Imagine Economy*
- **Alicia Pérez-Porro** for *Re-Imagine Planet & Sustainability*

Moderator: Lydia Aguirre, COO of Re-Imagine Europa

17:10 **Building Bridges: Closing Messages and Inspiration to Follow the Path**

- **Dubravka Šuica**, *Vice-President of the European Commission for Democracy and Demography*

Q&A session

Moderates: Erika Stael von Holstein, Executive Director of Re-Imagine Europa

17:30 **Reception**

18:30 **End of the event**