Invitation to a virtual side event

Youth as the driving force for change after COVID-19: Conference on the Future of Europe and other participatory methods

Because the Covid-19 pandemic has strongly affected young people, it is important to discuss the ways how to involve them in sustainable recovery and policy making processes. The side-event explores different ways of engaging youth around the world with the unique deliberative project of the Conference on the Future of Europe at its heart. It will also offer an opportunity to share the experience from participative processes and to promote and strengthen the inclusion of young people’s voices into national and sub-national policies as a crucial contribution to the SDGs in post-pandemic recovery.

The side-event is organized by the Czech Republic.

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**Program**

**Opening speeches**
- Ivan Bartoš (Czech Deputy Prime Minister for Digitalization and Minister for Regional Development)
- Dubravka Šuica (Vice-President of the European Commission for Democracy and Demography)

**First panel**
- Gamze Iğrioglu (OECD)
- Eili Lepik (Government office of Estonia)
- Ioana Dospinsescu (Government office of Romania)
- Nino Mikhanashvili (Youth Agency of Georgia)
- Žofie Habzíková (Youth and Environment Europe)

**Second panel**
- Shaban Seriyange (youth representative from Uganda)
- Fithriyyah Iskandar (youth representative from Indonesia, ASEAN Forum)
- Matouš Bělohlávek (youth representative from the Czech Republic)
- Robin R. Mudry (youth representative from the JEF Europe)

**Closing remarks**
- Bernard Reber (Sciences Po)

**Moderator**
- Anna Pasková (the Ministry of the Environment of the Czech Republic)

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**Webex Link**

**Facebook event**

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