



# Alpbach Declaration on the Future of Europe

We, the Ministers and State Secretaries responsible for European Affairs of Austria, Greece, Hungary, Ireland and Spain have gathered in Alpbach to discuss the future of the European Union. In the spirit of the European Forum Alpbach, we engaged in discussing current challenges. We carefully listened to each other in order to understand the various perspectives and ideas.

We strive to overcome today's major challenges such as climate change, migration, terrorism and the repercussions of COVID 19 together. We have a common interest in a European Union that is internationally competitive, promotes common values, has a strong voice in the world, and sustainable and innovative economies.

Naturally, opinions on how to achieve our objectives may diverge. It is however clear that we can only succeed if we act in a spirit of unity.

The European Union will be successful as long as it listens to the citizens. We therefore reaffirm the importance of the Conference on the Future of Europe. It is crucial to make full use of the potential of the Conference and to strive for tangible results. We welcome that the concrete work has now started. As the European Union seeks to emerge stronger from the COVID-19 crisis, it is time for a broad debate.

We call on European citizens from all walks of life and corners of Europe to participate. We especially encourage young Europeans to pitch in, since they have a central role in shaping the future of the European project.

We are ready to continue the process of the Conference on the Future of Europe with sincere commitment towards its success!



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