

Transparency Pledge

We strive for a European Union that enjoys the full trust of its citizens. A Union that is demonstrably accountable, effective and transparent. And a Union that closely engages with and involves its citizens. This means that citizens should be able to follow how laws affecting their lives are made.

In recent years, the EU and its institutions have shown a commitment to modernising the EU's legislative working methods, pursuing the principles of transparency and accountability. In July 2020, the Council took an important step towards increasing transparency in its legislative work through active communication and more frequent, more proactive publication of EU legislative documents. Nevertheless, throughout the EU and its institutions, bodies and agencies, there is still more that we can and must do.

That is why we pledge to work for an even higher degree of transparency. Each and every one of us pledges to take steps to ensure that the EU's decision-making process becomes more open, so that citizens can better follow the EU's democratic processes. We further pledge to strive to set a strong example internationally of an effective, inclusive and transparent decision-making process.

To this end, we should engage citizens in a discussion of how to foster a higher degree of transparency. The Conference on the Future of Europe, which is based on inclusiveness, openness and transparency, presents a major opportunity in this regard. We should use the Conference to improve transparency with a view to increasing citizens' trust and confidence in the EU.

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