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“We can gather all around common European good”

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We are a large European political family.

It is important that we have a coherent message for the Conference on the Future of Europe that will become our signature.

We are inviting European citizens across all the constituencies to an honest dialogue on Europe and its future.

As a political party we have always been open to all and we can gather all around common European good.

Yes, I agree that we should coordinate well our work, but we should also use our personal inroads in our own societies to best utilize our mandate.

It is important that our activity in various local communities will form a harmonious whole. Colleague Tzitzikostas, President of the Committee of the Regions spoke about the power of the local.

It will also be a good practice if we as individuals participate in events in member states other than our own, especially in the neighbouring ones, so that it can be felt that the Conference on the Future of Europe, although deeply embedded in particular localities, is indeed a panEuropean process.

Real reforms of Europe will come when Europeans are ready to accept them. Not just as legislative proposals, but as something that touches our individual lives at a deepest level.