



Competition

"The Future of Europe: ideas, themes and materials for discussion"

CONTEST RULES

The European Documentation Centre (EDC) of the University of Ferrara is announcing, in collaboration with the European Federalist Movement and the Institute of Contemporary History of Ferrara, the Contest "The Future of Europe: Ideas, Themes and Materials for Discussion." The contest is part of the National Project of Italian EDCs 2022 entitled "The European Youth Year. A greener, more digital and more inclusive future," implemented with the contribution of the European Commission Representation in Italy.

DURATION

October 30 to November 30, 2022 (deadline for submission of proposals).

RECIPIENTS

Students enrolled at the University of Ferrara and students over 18 years of age from Secondary Education Institutes of Ferrara, Rovigo and their provinces are eligible to participate. Both individuals and groups (up to a maximum of three components) are allowed to participate.

HOW TO PARTICIPATE

To participate in the competition, candidates must cover one of the following topics of their choice.

1 - The Conference on the Future of Europe, concluded on May 9, 2022, put forward 49 proposals, approved by the Conference Plenary and grouped into nine topics:

- climate change and environment;
- health;
- a stronger economy; social justice and employment;
- the EU in the world;
- values and rights; rule of law; security;
- digital transformation;
- European democracy;

- migration;
- education, culture, youth and sports.

The student must choose one of the nine themes and identify the proposals that seem important and urgent to him/her in that area, explaining his/her choice.

2 - In her State of the Union Address on September 14, 2022, European Commission President Ursula von der Leyen outlined the main initiatives the Commission intends to undertake in the coming year. Many are intended to respond to the recommendations made by citizens at the Conference on the Future of Europe.

The initiatives include, for example:

- Continuing to firmly support Ukraine and its people, including making full use of the possibilities offered by the EU's single market;
- Implementing measures to help Europeans cope with the energy crisis;
- support the business environment, particularly small and medium-sized enterprises, to strengthen Europe's future competitiveness;
- reduce the EU's dependence on Russian fossil fuels and work closely with reliable suppliers - further invest in renewable energy and, in particular, hydrogen;
- lead global climate change adaptation and protect nature;
- continue to defend democracy, in Europe and around the world, and the rule of law.

The student should choose one of the initiatives listed in the State of the Union Address and give reasons why he or she believes it is important and urgent.

INTERNET SITES TO CONSULT FOR RETRIEVAL OF MATERIALS:

For the 49 proposals that emerged from the Conference on the Future of Europe:

<https://www.europarl.europa.eu/news/en/headlines/eu-affairs/20220428STO28117/time-for-real-eu-unity-conference-adopts-proposals-for-change>

For the State of the Union Debate 2022:

https://state-of-the-union.ec.europa.eu/index_en

TYPE OF ESSAYS

Topics may be covered either by WRITTEN PROPOSALS (article, essay, short report, etc. for a maximum of 5000 characters) or by MULTIMEDIA PROPOSALS (all techniques are allowed: audio, video, animation, etc.; the maximum duration of audio/video products must be 10').

Files containing the entries must be marked with the name of the student and the Degree Course attended for university students or with the class and name of the Institute attended for high school students.

Entries must be sent by November 30, 2022 via e-mail (in the case of audio or video products, the files must be compressed and shared with suitable programs) to cde@unife.it with the subject line Contest The Future of Europe + First and Last Name of the person participating, and the accompanying text must clearly indicate: first and last name, place and date of birth, complete address (street or square, house number, zip code, city), telephone number, e-mail, and degree course or school attended.

REMARKS

- Each participant may submit only one entry.
- Entries must comply with current regulations and must not have content that is offensive or contrary to morals. Products with violent or antisocial content, discriminatory on racial, ethnic, sexual, religious grounds, or containing explicit references to political parties or sides will not be accepted.
- The entry must be original: any form of plagiarism, including unauthorized use and presentation of another author's language, thoughts or images as one's own material, will result in exclusion from the competition.

SELECTION OF WINNERS

The selection of the winners will be made by a special Commission, consisting of members of the University of Ferrara's European Documentation Centre (CDE), the European Federalist Movement and the Institute of Contemporary History of Ferrara. The judgments of this Commission are unquestionable.

Three winners will be selected from university students and three winners from students of Secondary Education Institutes. In case there are not enough deserving proposals in one of the two categories, the best proposal from the other category will be selected.

AWARD

Winners will be contacted by e-mail or telephone and will be awarded a trip to Rome (round trip by train, same day, with a guide) to visit the new Europa Experience - David Sassoli center.

FINAL DISPOSITIONS

Participation in this event implies acceptance of every part of the regulations without reservation and consent to the dissemination of the entries by the CDE of Unife. These regulations are published in full on the Ferrara EDC's website: <https://www.unife.it/centri/cde/it/notizie/dal-30-ottobre-al-30-novembre-2022-concorso-201cil-futuro-delleuropa-idee-temi-e-materiali-per-discutere201d>