**The Conference on the Future of Europe and the involvement of the European Committee of the Regions**

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The article looks into the process of the Conference on the Future of Europe focusing on how the European Committee of the Regions (CoR) and regions and cities have positioned themselves and what possible impact the results of the Conference could have on them. The author concludes that the CoR has conducted manifold political and communication activities throughout before and during the Conference, which produced significant impact with almost 15% of the measures suggested in the final report referring to regions, cities or the CoR. As much will depend on the inter-institutional follow-up, it is suggested that more emphasis shall be put on linking the levels of citizens’ participation in EU policy-making.

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