

# Program

Commission for Society and Social Affairs of the German Bishops' Conference  
Commission of the Bishops' Conferences of the European Union (COMECE)  
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## Is the EU as a community of shared legal principles in a crisis? Prospects for democracy and cohesion in Europe

Tuesday, March 29, 2022

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Online Event

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The process of European integration is often described as a history of crises. At the same time, however, the EU is a unique project for peace and democracy, based on jointly established and consistently observed law. Its character as a community of shared legal principles provides a framework for cohesion in the EU. Nonetheless, in recent years, this framework has been increasingly called into question and appears less amenable to consensus.

**Is the EU in crisis? What is the validity of European values and democratic principles? Which path will European integration take in the coming years? What can political and social forces do to promote cohesion in Europe?**

These and other questions are currently discussed at the "Conference on the Future of Europe". Following on from this, the event will look at various aspects of cohesion in the EU as a project of peace and democracy: From the validity of the rule of law to ethics in an increasingly digitalized society, challenges in times of crisis such as the Corona-Pandemic will be discussed. In addition, the question of the Church's contribution to cohesion in Europe will be raised.

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## **Program**

### **Panel discussion**

### **Welcome, information on the agenda**

#### **Stefan Lunte**

Brussels, General Secretary, Justitia et Pax Europa

### **Welcoming remarks**

#### **Michael Thielen**

Berlin, General Secretary, Konrad-Adenauer-Stiftung e. V.

### **Keynote**

#### **Klaus Welle**

Brussels, General Secretary, European Parliament

### **Panel discussion**

#### **Prof. dr hab. Robert Grzeszczak**

Warsaw, Faculty of Law and Administration, University of Warsaw

#### **Bishop Dr. Franz-Josef Overbeck**

Essen, Chairman of the Episcopal Working Group on Europe of the German Bishops' Conference, Vice-President of the Commission of the Bishops' Conferences of the European Union (COMECE)

#### **Prof. Dr. Katharina Pabel**

Vienna, Institute for European and International Law, Vienna University of Economics and Business

#### **Klaus Welle**

### **Moderation**

#### **Stefan Lunte**

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