



**Maastricht Centre
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MCEL master thesis project 2022-2023

The Conference on the Future of Europe

This year's **MCEL master thesis project 'The Conference on the Future of Europe'** brings together **highly motivated students** and **expert staff members** of the Maastricht Centre for European Law (MCEL).

The Conference on the Future of Europe was set up by the EU institutions and allowed citizens to debate the future of the EU from April 2021 to May 2022. On Europe Day, the Conference adopted its [conclusions](#) and made 49 proposals to the Presidents of the European Parliament, the Council and Commission.

On 9 June 2022 the European Parliament adopted a [resolution](#), calling for a revision of the EU Treaties, since 'several of the Conference proposals require amendments to the Treaties'.

The different proposals made by the Conference indeed raise questions of constitutional, institutional, substantive and administrative EU law:

In how far can a given proposal put forward by the Conference, be realized under the current Treaty framework?

How can the political aspirations of the EU citizens (as expressed in specific proposals adopted by the Conference) be legally best realized?

If a Treaty amendment is necessary or useful to realize the political aspirations of the citizens, how should this amendment ideally look like?

In short, for every of the 49 proposals put forward by the Conference, a legal assessment may be made, using EU constitutional, institutional, substantive and administrative law as the frame of reference.

This is especially relevant since the focus of the Conference was on the EU citizens' ambitions and hopes for the future of Europe. Now that these aspirations have been expressed, the complicated question of how these aspirations may be *legally* realized needs to be addressed.

Are you eager to write about one of the citizens' proposals? Then apply for the MCEL master thesis project!

Advantages of writing your thesis in the framework of the MCEL thesis project:

You will write your own thesis but be part of an **inspiring research community** and work closely together with other fellow students as well as **MCEL staff**. You will meet and get supervision of MCEL's experts and access to additional lectures. You will also become an MCEL student member and be welcome at MCEL's monthly research seminars. Moreover, you will have **individual contact with your supervisor**. In addition to the master thesis ECTS you will get a **certificate** that will enrich your CV.

Want to know more about the Conference on the Future of Europe before applying?

On 20 September, MCEL hosts its Opening Event of the Academic Year 2022-2023. This year's event is dedicated to the Conference on the Future of Europe.

The Opening Event will be hosted in hybrid format (on campus and on Zoom). Use this [link](#) to register.

Application:

You can apply to be selected for this project and submit your **application** of maximum 750 words including your motivation and your proposed topic and/or research question, together with your short cv and grade lists (bachelor/master, in case you already did a master) before **19 October 2022** to: mcel@maastrichtuniversity.nl Please use the subject 'MCEL thesis project' for your email.