EN E-002884/2022 Answer given by Mr Hahn on behalf of the European Commission (26.10.2022)

The Commission confirms that a case is pending with the General Court of the European Union (the Court), concerning the Commission's compliance with Regulation (EU) 2018/1725<sup>1</sup> in the context of running the Conference on the Future of Europe platform.

The Conference on the Future of Europe platform is an innovative Multilingual Digital Platform where any European could share ideas. With more than five million unique visitors worldwide, the platform contributed to the success of the Conference in creating a public forum for an open, inclusive and transparent debate with citizens around a number of key priorities and challenges.

When designing and operating IT systems, the Commission applies high standards to ensure that the rights and freedoms of data subjects are protected. Accordingly, the platform has been conceived and developed in application of Regulation (EU) 2018/1725, which applies to the processing of personal data by the Commission. The Commission has submitted its defence to the Court, demonstrating that it did not breach Regulation (EU) 2018/1725. In view of the pending Court proceedings, the Commission cannot comment further on the case.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>1</sup> Regulation (EU) 2018/1725 of the European Parliament and of the Council of 23 October 2018 on the protection of natural persons with regard to the processing of personal data by the Union institutions, bodies, offices and agencies and on the free movement of such data, and repealing Regulation (EC) No 45/2001 and Decision No 1247/2002/EC.