

#EuropeDay 2022 Selected EU activities

May 2022



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#EuropeDay 2022: spotlight on the Year of Youth and the closing of the Conference on the Future of Europe

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A comprehensive overview of all activities can be found on our <u>interinstitutional platform</u>

On 9 May, we mark the anniversary of the historic <u>Schuman Declaration</u>, which laid the foundation for what is now the European Union.

Given Russia's unprovoked and unjustified military aggression against Ukraine, **Europe Day 2022** is an even more important moment to reaffirm our attachment to **peace**, showcase our <u>unity and solidarity with Ukraine</u> and the Ukrainian people and stand up for universal values, like **freedom and democracy** in a rules-based global order.

As the 2022 <u>European Year of Youth</u> puts the spotlight on Europe's young people, and with citizens' voices amplified by the <u>Conference on the Future of Europe</u>, this 9 May is an opportune moment to **discuss the challenges that Europeans are facing today and proposals how to face them**. The Conference has been an unprecedented exercise in deliberative democracy, with citizens from all corners of Europe having their say on Europe's future, debating the Union's challenges and priorities, and engaging with policy makers on their suggestions. In Strasbourg on Europe Day, a report with the outcome of the Conference will be submitted to the Presidents of the European Parliament, the Council and the Commission.

To mark Europe Day, the EU institutions are **inviting everybody** to a wide range of **online and on-site activities** both in Member States and around the world. Save-the-dates for events in EU headquarters: Saturday 7 May in Brussels, Monday 9 May in Luxembourg and Sunday 15 May in Strasbourg.

On top of that, visitors will be able to take a virtual tour of the EU institutions. Test their EU knowledge, follow events live online and learn about what is done to make Europe **safer**, **greener**, **healthier and more digital** for future generations. All information about Europe Day 2022 is available on a dedicated <u>interinstitutional</u> <u>Europe Day platform</u> and some of the highlights in this factsheet.

For general information on Europe Day and the Schuman Declaration of 9 May 1950, please see <u>here</u>.

Brussels

European Parliament

60 Rue Wiertz/Wiertzstraat, 1047 Brussels

The European Parliament (EP) opens its doors for exceptional visits, debates, interactive presentations and games to highlight

- The **Conference on the Future of Europe** and the EP's priorities in this regard.
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- A particular highlight will be the Hemicycle debate preceded by an opening ceremony chaired by Vice-President Othmar Karas with a Ukrainian artist and the children's choir Singing Molenbeek (10.30).
- Members of the European Parliament will discuss with you the **future of Europe** and you can ask your questions.
- Later in the day you are invited to a classical concert with Ukrainian artists in the Citizens' Garden (13.00).
- An online Radio Europe Day will connect the remote audiences with the onsite event. Live from the European Parliament, Members of the European Parliament, citizens, and stakeholders, will discuss current priorities of the European Parliament and give a feeling of the Europe Day event.

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European Council and Council of the European Union

175 Rue de la Loi/Wetstraat, 1048 Brussels

 The Council and the 27 Member States will welcome you in the Justus Lipsius building to an exhibition with dedicated stands, featuring interactive games, informative content to explore and other surprises.

Join us for an expert-led guided tour of the Council!

- The **tour** includes various well-known parts of the **Europa building**, which is the main seat of the European Council and the Council of the EU.
- Admission is free of charge but <u>registration</u> <u>online</u> is required.

Live info sessions!

Take this opportunity to discuss the work of the European Council and the Council of the European Union with experts. You can join our online video conferences in your language of choice: Dutch, English, French, German, Italian, or Spanish. The sessions are available to all ages and free to join. Find out more about the schedules, live links and languages available on our website.

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European Commission

Berlaymont, 200 Rue de la Loi/Wetstraat, 1049 Brussels

GENERAL

Inside the Commission headquarters

- You can discover general information on the EU with areas dedicated to green, digital and youth and plenty of games and activities for the whole family (win upcycled bags made from banners).
- You can take a peek at the top floor Jean
 Monnet meeting room and admire the view over the city.



Outside the Commission headquarters

 Hip-hop music and dances, special performances such as flag throwers and circus artists.

UKRAINE

Inside the Commission headquarters

- A '**Solidarity Wall**' where you can write your messages of solidarity and support and place them on the wall.
- At the stands, you can learn about specific support for Ukraine across many policy areas.

Outside the Commission headquarters

- A tent focused on EU solidarity and support for Ukraine, where you will be informed of how you can show your own support.
- You can receive **ribbons** and **pins** showing the **EU** and **Ukrainian** flags.
- **Ukrainian musicians** will be on the spot to play throughout the day.

9 MAY - ON THE SCHUMAN ROUNDABOUT

12.30-12.45: Commemoration ceremony in honour of Robert Schuman

- In front of the bust of Robert Schuman at the entrance of the Parc du Cinquantenaire.
- Laying of flowers and speech by a European Commissioner and a high representative of the Ukrainian Embassy.
- A group of Ukrainian musicians will play the European anthem.

12.50–14.15: Ceremony

in support of Ukraine on the Schuman Roundabout where young people will hold European and Ukrainian flags

- Speech by the Commissioner and the Ukrainian high representative, followed by the opening of a huge 'StandWithUkraine' banner.
- 12 doves will be released into the sky as a symbol for peace.

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• Charity Concert with a Ukrainian Quartet.

European External Action Service

9A Rond Point Schuman/Schumanplein, 1046 Brussels

Inside EEAS headquarters

- Visit dedicated **audiovisual stands** in the EEAS building, informing on the EU's activities around the globe, the EU Missions and Operations, but also representing EU agencies such as Satcen or the EUISS. Children will be able to acquire 'passports' to collect stamps from the various stands. Do not forget to visit our social media corner, check out the photo booth and the Wheel of Fortune quiz.
- You will have the chance to discuss with EU diplomats from different world regions in the 'Ambassadors corner' or educate yourself about what the EU does to combat disinformation campaigns and what you always wanted to know about sanctions.
 - Enjoy a **special concert** with Ukrainian singers and classic performances by a children's choir from the European schools in Brussels.

Outside EEAS headquarters

 Keep up the spirit with more international tunes and round off your visit by attending the special African Concert 'Rencontres EU Afrique' featuring Krisy and the Amazones d'Afrique at the entrance to Parc du Cinquantenaire just outside the EEAS building at the early evening hours.

Around the world

- **EU Delegations** around the world organise their own Europe Day activities, promoting some of our flagship initiatives such as the **Global Gateway**.
- Also look out for famous landmark buildings such as the Empire State Building in New York to be illuminated in the EU colours.

Virtual event

 Test your knowledge by taking our popular Europe quiz or, on 9 May, tune in to the live discussions with EU Ambassadors on Facebook, where you can engage with our Diplomats based around the globe on current events.





Jacques Delors building, 99-101 Rue Belliard/Belliardstraat, 1040 Brussels



European Economic and Social Committe

The European Economic and Social Committee (EESC) will mark Europe Day with a <u>fully</u> <u>virtual event</u>.

On 7 May you are invited to take a 360-virtual

<u>tour</u> of the European Economic and Social Committee premises. **Visit our premises** and find out what the house of organised civil society in Europe is all about!

A **dedicated webpage**, which consists of several sections, will provide additional angles in the day's menu.

- Are you Young and Passionate about EU? This year's Europe Day is focused on the European Year of Youth. Discover our Youth Engagement corner online.
- You can <u>Send a real Postcard</u> to someone special!
- Our <u>Events, Visits and Culture corner</u> will provide an insight into how you can participate and get engaged.

European Committee of the Regions

Come and visit us to learn more about the institution that represents regions and cities in the EU!

 Join us to mark the foundation of the European Union and get more information on how the Russian war of aggression against Ukraine is addressed at local and regional level!



Strasbourg

Conference on the Future of Europe

Allée du Printemps, 67070 Strasbourg

In Strasbourg, on Europe Day, a **report with the final outcome** of the Conference on the Future of Europe will be submitted to the **Presidents of the European Parliament, the Council, and the Commission.** The institutions committed to follow up on the recommendations made by the Conference, in full respect of our competences and the subsidiarity and proportionality principles enshrined in the European Treaties. More details will be available on the <u>Conference portal</u>.

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European Committee of the Regions

Région Grand-Est headquarters: Maison de la Région, 1 Place Adrien Zeller, 67070 Strasbourg

Local Dialogue on youth participation in democratic life

On the occasion of the closing of the Conference on the Future of Europe on 9 May in Strasbourg, the European Committee of the Regions will organise a **debate on youth participation in democratic life.**

This local dialogue will give the floor to young people, representatives of associations and local and regional elected politicians, with the objective to promote **youth engagement and participation in democratic life and elections.** The event is organised jointly with the Association of French Regions (Régions de France) and the Région Grand-Est, who is hosting the dialogue.

Luxembourg

European village

Esch-sur-Alzette, European Capital of Culture 2022

Outdoor activities

European village with **60 information** stands held by:

- EU Institutions, including those having their seat in Luxembourg like the European Court of Justice, European Court of Auditors, European Investment Bank, Eurostat, EU Publications Office, etc.
- **Embassies** representing the EU Member States.
- National authorities managing EU funding programmes. In collaboration with the National coordinator from the Ministry of Education a Youth Area will be organised with 25 stands from youth associations and Maisons des jeunes. Special focus to promote EU values, peace and solidarity with Ukraine, Green Deal, opportunities for Youth.
- The **Conference on the Future of Europe** event with panelists from Luxembourg will be integrated in the programme. Official part with political presence.
- **Cultural program** throughout the day.

Ukraine

 In the EU village, visitors can learn more about the situation in Ukraine and reception of refugees in Luxembourg directly from Ukrainians. Ukrainian musicians and artists will participate in our cultural programme throughout the day.







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European Court of Justice

Come and visit us on the 9th of May to discover how the Court works!

- Guided visits of the Court of Justice in Luxembourg City from 14.00 to 18.00 following a specially-designed route around the Court (offered in several languages), you will be able to see up close the functioning of the European Union's judicial body.
- Physical **stand** in the European village in Esch-sur-Alzette learn more about the Court directly at our stand.
- Virtual event with O&A on LinkedIn and Twitter - ask your questions and don't forget to follow #ECJDidYouKnow and #AskCuria2022.



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Come and meet the EU auditors!

European Court of Auditors

- Visit our information stand in the European village in Esch-sur-Alzette to find out how we help to protect EU citizens money.
- Test your **audit skills** by taking our quiz.
- Have a look at our annual activity report published on this occasion.

European Investment Bank

- **EIB stand** in the European village in Eschsur-Alzette: How much do you know about the European Investment Bank and its work? How much is the EIB investing in sustainability? How is it helping European countries and countries beyond Europe? Take the fun quiz to test your knowledge. For adults and children in English, French and German. Drop by for a chance to get our goodies.
- Take a virtual trip in 360 degrees to visit green innovative flagship projects financed by the EIB across Europe.

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European Investment

 Publications: Read EIB at a glance and EIB and the future of Europe to learn more about the Bank.

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Frankfurt

European Central Bank

This year the European Central Bank (ECB) is contributing to 'Europawoche' (Europe week) – a local initiative organised every year around Schuman Day - by offering **virtual lectures** about the ECB in English and German.

Take the opportunity to meet an ECB expert and get answers to your questions:

- What does the European Central Bank do? (Monday, 2 May 2022)
- Euro banknotes and coins

 stories, anecdotes and surprising facts
 (Wednesday, 11 May 2022)
- Climate change and the role of the ECB (Wednesday, 4 May and Thursday, 5 May 2022)
- European banking supervision

 how the ECB works to keep the banking system safe
 (Wednesday, 4 May and Friday, 6 May 2022)

More information on 20 years of euro banknotes and coins



2-11 May Virtual lectures







Selected planned activities by the EU in EU Member States

EC Representations/EP Liaison Offices

For details about activities in all EU Member States please consult the <u>Europe Day web platform</u>, which provides update on planned activities.

Austria

EC Representation Vienna

• **EU Youth Talk** involving Ukrainian students and illumination of the main building of the '**MuseumsQuartier**', a district for contemporary art and culture in central Vienna.

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Bulgaria

EC Representation and EP Liaison Office Sofia

- Citizen's dialogue with Commissioner
 Gabriel focusing on young people and the future of Europe (9 May).
- **3D video** mapping show 'Imagine' (four evenings from 6 to 9 May).
- RUN4EU at Sofia Half Marathon (15 May).



Croatia

EC Representation and EP Liaison Office Zagreb

 An educational fair - a series of youth workshops on mental health, sustainable development and green environment and a workshop related to EU solidarity with Ukraine with the participation of the Red Cross.

Cyprus

EC Representation and EP Liaison Office Nicosia

 Celebrations and creation of the **peace sign** on the main square of Nicosia, Eleftherias square, by representatives of the two

Czechia

EC Representation and EP Liaison Office Prague

 Open-air public information and cultural event on Střelecký ostrov in Prague, also commemorating 18 years of Czechia in the EU. communities of the island (Greek-Cypriot, Turkish-Cypriot).

• **Information stands**, debates, concerts, contests.

badge, presentations on DK 50 years in

the EU.

Denmark

EC Representation and EP Liaison Office Copenhagen

 Activities at **Europa Experience centre** in Copenhagen: producing your own solidarity

Estonia

EC Representation and EP Liaison Office Tallinn

• Debate with **President Karis** and young Estonian to mark the European Year of Youth.

Finland

EC Representation and EP Liaison Office Helsinki

• Final event of '**Europe is us**' tour on Conference on Future of Europe with participation of Finnish Government and Commissioner Urpilainen.



France

EC Representation and EP Liaison Office Paris

- Third edition of the Music Europe Day, an online concert with 15 groups from 15 EU Member States which will be broadcast throughout the continent via social networks.
- Presence of a Ukrainian group is planned.



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European Committee of the Regions

- The EU Institutions and the City of Paris are organising a series of events to put Europe at the forefront and strengthen the local and regional dimension of European issues. This year, and following the invasion of Ukraine, this event takes on another dimension. The focus will be on what makes up Europe, and in particular our common values.
- The European Committee of the Regions will contribute through a stand in the 'EU Institutions' area of the event. As the voice of regions and cities in the EU, the Committee

of the Regions will showcase its contribution to the Future of Europe, the European Green Deal as well as Economic, Social and Territorial Cohesion. The European Committee of the Regions will also present how the EU's local and regional authorities are welcoming, supporting and assisting the millions of Ukrainian refugees displaced because of war. In addition, President Apostolos Tzitzikostas will participate in a round table on Citizens' Europe: the Conference on the Future of Europe as seen by young people (16:30-17:30).



Germany

EC Representation and EP Liaison Office Bonn/Munich

- Munich: Kick-off Munich Europe May with a debate amongst politicians and young people on how to pursue the goals of the European Green Deal in the face of the war in Ukraine (2 May).
- Bonn: Poetry slam and info stand at Bonn central market square jointly organised with the City of Bonn (7 May).

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Germany / Poland

EC Representations and EP Liaison Offices Berlin & Wroclaw

 <u>Celebration of solidarity</u> with a physical cross-border event (Germany/Poland) involving Ukrainian citizens.

Greece

EC Representation and EP Liaison Office Athens

• Open air event in front of Zappeion (Athens) on 8 May with concert, info on Green Deal,

youth activities and another event at Elefsina (European Capital of Culture 2023) on 7 May.



Hungary

EC Representation Budapest

• Family festival in Budapest, including the traditional 'EU run' in Budapest marking the 18th anniversary EU accession and **solidarity actions** for Ukraine. The event will also highlight the European Year of Youth.



Ireland



8 May

5 May

EC Representation and EP Liaison Office Dublin

 Joint hybrid event to celebrate Europe Day, with the EPLO and EUROFOUND to highlight the European Year of Youth, create greater

awareness of the benefits of EU membership for young people in Ireland and show solidarity with Ukraine.

Italy

EC Representation and EP Liaison Office Milan

 The 66th Eurovision Song Contest is taking place in Turin with a stand for the whole week, with information on the EU and EU solidarity with Ukraine. **'Europe for Peace'** event co-organised by EC Representation and EP Liaison Office and Turin Municipality; webstreaming and partial broadcasting from RadioDue RAI.

Latvia

EC Representation Riga

- **'Sunflowers** for the united Europe in Latvia **together with Ukraine**'.
- **Planting** on 5 May in Daugavpils with Ukrainian kids.
- Start of the campaign on 24 March with sowing sunflowers to demonstrate solidarity with the Ukrainian people, Ukrainian recovery and integration in the EU.



Lithuania

EC Representation and EP Liaison Office Vilnius

 European Exam 2022 - over 25% (400) secondary schools in Lithuania with over 20.000 participants in learning activities and the exam.



Malta

EC Representation La Valletta

• **Europe Day Quiz Night 2022** in the heart of the capital city of Valletta in collaboration with the University of Malta.

Netherlands

EC Representation and EP Liaison Office The Hague

 The city of The Hague organises an EU
 flag ceremony in the morning around the "Hofvijver", a lake in the city centre. There is also a Europe Day evening programme at **The Hague University**.



- 9 May with various partners including **two café Európa discussions** on the EU as a peace project and the EU and agricultural sustainability, both linked to the war in Ukraine.
- A theatre performance tackling disinformation and migration and a musical performance with Ukrainian musicians and a Slovak DJ.



On 6 May, the Representation together with the EPLO will co-organise Europe Day celebrations in Košice:

- A **concert** dedicated to all volunteers helping at the border.
- Slovenia / Italy

EC Representations and EP Liaison Offices Ljubljana and Rome

- Europe Day concert with Slovenian and Italian musicians at the Europa Square border (SI-IT) twin towns (9 May). Nova Gorica/Gorizia were selected as European capital of culture for 2025.
- On 5 May, the Representation hosts a concert with young Ukrainian artists followed by citizens dialogue with youth from Slovenia and Ukraine marking the solidarity with Ukraine and the European.

• A film screening as part of Lux Film Days.

COFE delegate Zuzana Hozlarova.

• A **talk show** featuring MEPs and the national



Spain

EC Representation and EP Liaison Office Madrid and Barcelona

- 'Semana de Europa' ('European Week') with extensive series of actions in cooperation with the Spanish Foreign Ministry, regional and local actors and the European Movement.
- The activities will start with a launching act to inform **press** and **citizens** about the programme and will spread over an entire week around 9 May.

Sweden

EC Representation Stockholm

- Co-host of an event at **Kulturhuset** in central Stockholm with a whole range of organisations including the Government.
- Big focus on **youth**, both in the audience and on stage.
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