



## Europeans celebrate 75 Years of unity and solidarity on Europe Day 2025

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On 9 May, Europeans will celebrate Europe Day. 2025 marks the 75<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the Schuman Declaration, which laid the foundations for the European Union and paved the way for an unprecedented era of prosperity, peace, democracy, solidarity and cooperation in Europe.

To mark the occasion, many events will take place in EU Member States and around the world, bringing together citizens from all walks of life. The EU institutions will open their doors and invite citizens to visit their premises, discover their work and engage in a wide range of educational and entertaining activities.

Landmark buildings and monuments across the globe will be illuminated in the EU colours, while a special Europe Day programme is planned for Expo 2025 in Osaka, Japan.

In times of global uncertainty, Europe remains an anchor of stability - a place of opportunity and protection for its citizens. The EU and its institutions are working towards the common goal of ensuring prosperity and competitiveness, guaranteeing our security and defence, while upholding the fundamental values Europeans care about.

### European Parliament

On 4 May, citizens of all ages will be able to attend the official Europe Day opening ceremony and take a seat in the hemicycle of the [European Parliament in Strasbourg](#). The ceremony will begin with a video message from President Roberta Metsola, followed by a speech from Vice-President [Younous Omarjee](#), and a musical performance by the Voix de Stras' ensemble. Through various exhibits and interactive activities, visitors will learn how the Parliament works, how laws are made, and why European politics matters. Visitors will also be able to visit the ["Changemakers" exhibition](#). On 10 May, the public will once again be given the chance to discover European democracy in action at the [Parliament's hemicycle in Brussels](#), with day-long activities emphasising the importance of citizen participation. In **Luxembourg**, special activities will mark the first anniversary of the [Visitors' Centre](#) on 9 May, including the recently inaugurated [Europa Experience](#). The following day, a rich [cultural programme](#) is planned in the Echternach Abbey courtyard. [Full programme](#) and [events organised in the 27 EU countries](#).

### European Council/Council of the European Union

On 10 May, the Council of the European Union will also [open its doors](#), granting citizens an opportunity to follow in EU leaders' footsteps. Guided tours throughout the day will offer visitors a rare look at where important European decisions are made. Each of the 27 Member States will host a stand, showcasing their culture, traditions, culinary specialties and more. Younger visitors can also expect tailor-made activities, including a treasure hunt and a "fun fact" quest designed specifically for kids. In honour of the Council's 50<sup>th</sup> anniversary, the public will even be able to travel back in time and take a selfie with the leaders of 1974.

### European Commission

On 10 May, citizens will also have the opportunity to visit the [Commission's iconic Berlaymont building](#) in Brussels. Here, they will have the chance to learn about the Commission's role and priorities, engage in series of activities, and find out more about initiatives and concrete benefits for their daily lives. Among others, visitors will have an opportunity to learn about the Commission's efforts to boost European competitiveness both, promote social cohesion, protect democracy and protect fundamental rights, at home and abroad.

## **European Central Bank**

As part of its Europe Day celebrations on 10 May, the European Central Bank (ECB) will bring the vibrant spirit of Europe to its hometown, Frankfurt am Main, by participating in the city's [Europa-Fest](#). Visitors will find the ECB at the "European Marketplace" on the Römerberg plaza, alongside Frankfurt-based European Insurance and Occupational Pensions Authority and the Authority for Anti-Money Laundering and Countering the Financing of Terrorism. In such a special year, celebrating 40 years of Schengen and the 75th anniversary of the Schuman Declaration, many themed activities have been organised, with the ECB even planning a lightshow, to be projected onto the west wing of the city's Grossmarkthalle. In Brussels, the ECB will also host its own stand at the Commission's Europe Day event.

## **European Investment Bank**

The European Investment Bank (EIB) Group will welcome visitors to its stand at the Council of the European Union's Justus Lipsius building as part of its [Open Day on 10 May](#) in Brussels. EIB Group staff will inform visitors of how its financing and advisory services improve lives and advance EU policy goals. This includes anything from innovation, security and defence to social and territorial cohesion, and the transition towards a net-zero economy. The stand itself will be enhanced by various activities and media, such as quizzes, games and audiovisual material showcasing EIB-financed projects.

## **European Court of Auditors**

On 10 May, as part of the [Europe Day celebrations in Echternach](#), EU auditors will host a series of interactive and engaging activities. Among other things, visitors will have the chance to partake in an engaging quiz to test their audit skills. Families and people of all ages are welcome to discover how the European Court of Auditors, the guardian of the EU's finances, helps protect EU citizens' money.

## **European External Action Service**

The European External Action Service (EEAS) will open its doors to the public on 10 May for its "[Travel the World in a Day](#)" event. Visitors to the EU's diplomatic headquarters in Brussels will be given an opportunity to learn about the work of the EEAS and its 144 delegations and offices worldwide. Through interactive exhibits and activities, visitors will discover the EU's role as a global leader and reliable partner for prosperity, peace, security, multilateralism, democracy, and a rules-based order. The event will also include a digital booth to help explore the EU pavilion at Expo 2025 in Japan, as well as live dance performances, workshops and family-friendly activities that celebrate global diversity.

## **European Economic and Social Committee**

This year, the European Economic and Social Committee (EESC) will also host a special celebration of the Schuman Declaration's 75<sup>th</sup> anniversary. To honour this seminal text, the EESC – the house of European organised civil society – is putting together [a range of activities](#) on its premises, through which it will inform and engage with citizens, while offering insights into its various Sections' and Groups' advisory work. The day itself will offer entertainment for all, with a real-time voting simulation allowing visitors to step into EESC members' shoes and discover the process for themselves.

## **European Committee of the Regions**

On 10 May, the European Committee of the Regions (CoR) will [open its doors to the public](#) as well, showcasing how it represents regions and cities in the EU, and everything that regional and local elected politicians do for citizens. Visitors will learn how their region voices its interests in the EU, and they will have the chance to meet local and regional elected politicians and discuss European issues in a direct, informal atmosphere. The traditional Festival of Regions and Cities will treat visitors to a showcase of their preferred tourist spots, traditional music and dance, and various culinary specialties.

## **Background**

Europe Day held on 9 May every year celebrates peace and unity in Europe. The date marks the anniversary of the 'Schuman declaration', a historic proposal made by Robert Schuman, French Foreign Minister, in 1950 that laid out the foundation of European cooperation. Schuman's proposal is

considered to be the beginning of what is now the European Union.

In 2025, Europe Day is a special occasion, as we are celebrating 75 years since the Schuman declaration. To learn more about each institution's programme, visit the [Europe Day 2025 website](#).

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