

Europe Day Brussels

6 May 2023

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Join the Europe Day event in Brussels



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and join the events**

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European Parliament

Introduction

Europe Day celebrates Europe's achievements and unity, and commemorates the signing of the Schuman Declaration on 9 May 1950. This ambitious plan to secure long-term peace in post-war Europe laid the early foundations for what is now the European Union.

In 2023, Europe stands together to tackle the most important issues of our time and build a better future for all Europeans. This is our democracy in action.

In May the European Parliament invites you to a wide range of activities and events across the EU Member States, as well as in the Parliament's three places of work, Brussels, Luxembourg, and Strasbourg.

Discover what's going on and how you can be part of the action!

Practical information



We invite you to use public transport to access our Europe Day event; secured bike parking will be available.



A catering service will be available onsite. You are welcome to bring your own reusable water bottle (glass-bottles are not allowed) which can be refilled at water fountains throughout the visit.



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Hemicycle activities

Europe Day

Hemicycle - Opening
ceremony and debate

10:30 - 12:00

The 9th of May marks the anniversary of the Schuman Declaration, the starting point of European integration and the European Union we know today.

The inauguration ceremony for Europe Day event will take place in the Hemicycle as from 10:30. Come be part of it and join the conversations with our Vice-President and Members of the European Parliament right after, to discuss the European elections 2024, the priorities of the Parliament for the next legislature and our common contributions to European democracy!

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Talks

12:30 - 17:30

Put your questions to one of our speakers as you follow our debate on the role of the European Parliament and its work ahead of the European elections 2024.

Talented musicians from Ukraine will be performing in the hemicycle throughout the day.

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Collaborative Mural
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The adventure of Leo**



**Kids' corner:
Wooden games**



Balloon artists Duo



They have all the colors, all the shapes, we tie them, we wrap them, we coil them, we twist them as we want.

These little balloons are fantastic, the imagination has no limits!

Let's give everyone a moment of happiness and timeless fantasy!



Origami Eco-Art: Collaborative Mural for a Sustainable World



Join us in collectively creating a mural made of origami, bringing together people of all ages in a creative and sustainable adventure.

Using recycled paper, this engaging activity raises awareness about environmental conservation.

Our project promotes creativity, sustainability, and community responsibility



Kids' corner: The adventure of Leo



Large-scale construction workshop with bricks. In the setting of an imaginary city, the coordinator will stimulate the children's curiosity.

Together, they will explore the world of building bricks and build the universe of their dreams!

This activity is open to all. You can stay for 10 minutes, or 1 hour, leave and come back or explore the show as a passerby.



Kids' corner: Wooden games



What could be more playful?
Come have fun with us!

100 percent natural, with eucalyptus and poplar wood, made by a carpenter from a family micro-business in Belgium.



Outside

**Urban Youth Zone:
Democracy in Action**



**Living
Forest**



Urban Youth Zone: Democracy in Action



Come and join us on Esplanade Solidarność from 10:00 to 18:00 to discover the Urban Youth Zone, an area with activities dedicated to young people. Personalize one of the 19 voting booths, go skateboarding or show your talents during urban dance battles.



Living Forest



The 'living forest on stilts' is a magical dance between exotic green trees and the wind, performed by experienced stilt walkers.

The trees come to life, gracefully swaying to the enchanting songs of the green fairy.

This performance highlights the importance of sustainability and finding joy in nature's small moments in our urban world.



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Live from the European
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**Visit the
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Welcome to The European Parliament



What Europe does for me

How does Europe affect our everyday lives?

Visitors are invited to discover for themselves what Europe does for their region, their hometown and their social group.

#EUandMe



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Multilingualism in the European Parliament

The Language Matters interactive space takes you to the world of Parliament's translators and interpreters – test your translation skills with our fun games and quizzes and have a go at interpreting yourself. Or why not become a radio presenter and record a piece of news in our Audio Booth or share your personal story in the My House of European History corner? The youngest Europe Day visitors are also very welcome to our dedicated space with tailor-made activities for all little language lovers.



Be an MEP

Virtual Reality Experience

This immersive Virtual Reality Experience invites you to explore the office of an MEP, discover aspects of their daily work and vote in a European Parliament Plenary Session.

Come and experience it.



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Join the community

A better future for Europe involves us all. Today's most vital issues – global public health, the planet, security, human rights – can only be tackled by working together. Taking action on issues you care about inspires participation in democracy in Europe. It only takes a little time to make a big difference. Now is the time to be hopeful and ambitious. Now is the time to act.

Meet and connect with people who share your enthusiasm for Europe!





EP priorities ahead of European elections 2024

Do you want to learn about the major achievements of the European Parliament?

Come and meet us at the Priorities Stand!

Here you can speak to our experts helping MEPs with legislation and policy making and explore how with great videos and infographics.

Become a European Quiz Champion and win one of our souvenirs, produced by our sustainable 3Dprinter, which you can discover in action!



For those who enjoy reading, come and download the QR codes of the most fascinating research papers prepared for MEPs and browse our digital bookshelf.

Last but not least, come and vote for the EU policy which matters most for you and on which you wish your MEPs to work on in the future.



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Patrick Cockpit / Hans Lucas / AFP

Political groups



Group of the European People's Party



Group of the Progressive Alliance of Socialists and Democrats in the European Parliament



Renew Europe Group



Group of the Greens/European Free Alliance



Identity and Democracy Group



European Conservatives and Reformists Group



The Left group in the European Parliament - GUE/NGL

Europarl Radio

Live from the European Parliament

Follow Europe Day live wherever you are! Parliament's language professionals bring you compelling conversations and insights from the event in several languages, along with music from all over Europe.

Discover <https://europa.eu/!GGnwdX>



Ask EP: You ask, we answer

Do you have any questions about the European Parliament and its activities?

We provide information about the Parliament's organisation, rules, and procedures. We can also help to explain the Parliament's position on particular topics.



Your right to petition

The petition process gives you the opportunity to communicate with the European Parliament and exercise your right to petition. You can submit a petition via the Petitions web portal or by post, in one of the official languages of the European Union. The right to petition is a fundamental right of all European citizens and residents, enshrined both in the Lisbon Treaty and in the Charter of Fundamental Rights.

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Your petition allows the European Parliament, through its Petitions Committee, to conduct an ongoing reality check on the way in which EU legislation is implemented and measure the extent to which the European institutions are responding to your concerns. The Petitions Committee provides a response to all petitions in the language they were submitted and, when possible, a non-judicial remedy to legitimate concerns on issues related to the EU fields of activity.



European Ombudsman

The European Ombudsman is here to help!

The European Ombudsman helps people, businesses, and organisations facing problems with the EU's administration. The types of complaints the Ombudsman handles include refusals to provide access to documents, a lack of transparency in decision-making, and breaches of the EU Charter of Fundamental Rights.

The Ombudsman also examines systemic issues through own-initiative inquiries. These have, among other things, contributed to improving transparency in EU trade negotiations and making the expert groups that advise the European Commission more accountable.



Democracy: a universal value (worth fighting for)

Democracy guarantees our fundamental freedoms. The European Union has the mandate to uphold democracy within its borders and to support it across the world

Learn why the European Parliament is a firm defender of human rights and of democracy around the world.

Figure out how the Parliament can accompany other countries on their path to democracy through dialogue, advancing human rights, observing elections, and helping partner parliaments better serve their citizens.



Lux Audience Award

The LUX Audience Award builds cultural bridges across Europe by shedding light on films that cut to the heart of the public debate. The audience and the Members of Parliament are invited to rate the films online until 12 June, with each group weighting 50% on the final score. The winner will be announced at the award ceremony in the European Parliament. Among those who rate, 10 citizens will be randomly selected to win a trip to attend the award ceremony.



LUX
AUDIENCE AWARD
NOMINATION



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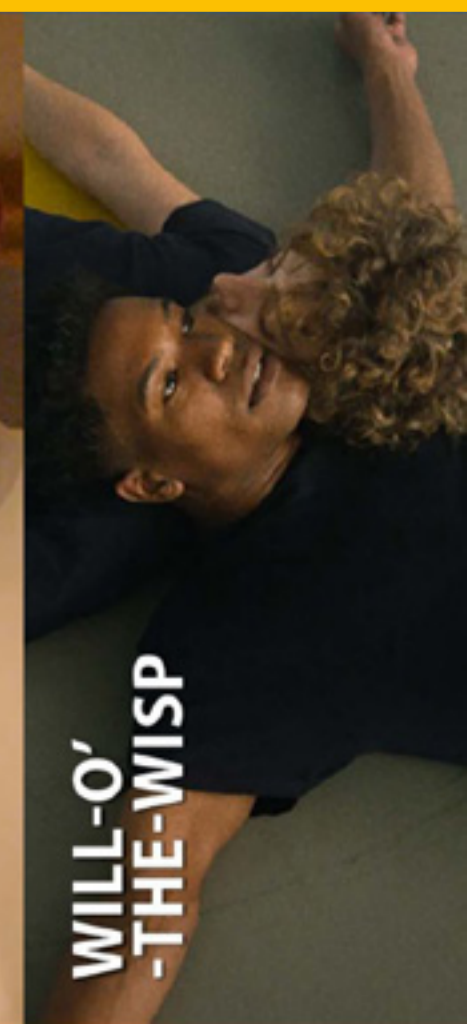
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DAYS



CLOSE



TRIANGLE OF
SADNESS



WILL-O'
-THE-WISP

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What else to do on 6 May?

Art tours

The European Parliament art collection comprises over 500 paintings, sculptures and other works of contemporary art from European Union countries, as well as some works from non-European Union countries.

Join a free guided art tour to discover our collection!

Tours available at 12:00, 13:00, 15:00 and 16:00. Please book your preferred slot at the Welcome stand.



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The European Parliament Liaison Office in Belgium organizes a series of activities related to youth since, for the first time in 2024, young Belgians aged 16 and over will be able to vote in the European elections.



Info Hub

The European Parliament's brand-new Info Hub is fast establishing itself as a forum of choice to discuss and learn about European issues in Brussels.

Join us on Europe Day to learn about Parliament's main communication flagship initiatives aimed at empowering democracy. You will discover 'What Europe Does for Me' project. We will provide you with the tools to have your say, get engaged and actively participate in the democracy process on 'Together.eu' and 'Youth Hub'.

Get your front seat for our information sessions starting at 12:30, 14:30 and 16:30.

Attendance is free and without registration.



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House of European History

Open from 10:00 to 18:00

Parlamentarium

Open from 10:00 to 18:00

Visit Europe Day events in other European institutions

From 10:00 to 18:00

Citizens' Garden

Open from 8:00 to 20:50