



Festival of Europe 2003

Europe-wide celebration of the 9th of May
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9th of May – “Europe Day”

On the 9th of May 1950, French Foreign Minister, Robert Schumann presented his proposal on the creation of a High Authority, under which Franco-German production of coal and steel would be placed. Schumann also invited the other countries of Europe to join the organisation. Today the 9th of May is an occasion for festivities that aims to bring Europe closer to its citizens and to bring the peoples of the Union closer to one another.

The European Movement is an international organisation which was founded in the wake of the Hague Congress in 1948. Its objective is to contribute to the establishment of a united, federal Europe, founded on the respect of basic rights and democratic principles by informing and mobilising citizens and influencing decision makers at all levels of European society.

The European Movement is currently composed of 39 National Councils and 24 international non-governmental organisations.

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Foreword



The 9th of May or 'Europe Day', is recognised as one of the official symbols of Europe along with the Euro, the European flag and the anthem. The International European Movement and its members in 18 countries were, once again, one of the principal promoters in highlighting this day as an important symbol of European unity.

Each participating country organised various distinctive events: student competitions, political meetings, concerts, public seminars and debates on specific EU-related subjects were held across Europe and were all deemed highly successful. All events took place in a public context and attracted hundreds, and often, thousands of people. Media coverage throughout Europe ensured that the actions extended to an even broader audience than anticipated. In addition to last year's participants, Bulgaria and Switzerland took part in this year's festivities. We look forward to increasing this number every year.



Special focus was given this year to the candidate countries which, from May 2004 shall form part of our European Union. Many held national referendums during the year and it was therefore, very important for them to raise citizen awareness in encouraging the public to vote for a Europe of 25 States.

A "Contribution of the Year for Europe" was awarded to an organisation or person for their work in the promotion of Europe. The Europe-wide public awarding proved to be an effective tool to strengthen and highlight both the trans-national nature and the symbolic meaning of the project.

We would like to express our sincere gratitude to the European Commission for their financial support and sponsors at both the national and local level in all 18 countries.

H.H. Kröner
Secretary General



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F O R E U R O P E



BELGIUM

The European Movement in Belgium chose as its European highlight of the year, the signing of the Accession Treaty of the ten new member states. This treaty marks the beginning of European reunification and the launch of a new phase in the development of Europe.

BULGARIA

The Bulgarian European Movement nominated Theodora Kaleiska, Director of the European Information Centre in Veliko Turnovo for his work as its choice for "Contribution of the Year".

CZECH REPUBLIC

Hewlett-Packard, s.r.o. was chosen as a substantial contributor in enhancing awareness of Czech entry into the European Union for the "Contribution of the Year for Europe", as selected during seminars, meetings and radio broadcasts. A certificate of recognition was presented to Mr. Pavel Kalasek, General Manager of Hewlett-Packard Ltd.

DENMARK

The European Movement of Denmark organised an election for the most deserving "European of the Year", which went to Prime Minister Anders Fogh Rasmussen. He was selected for his remarkable work during the enlargement process. Furthermore, his work during the Presidency was characterised by determination and professionalism which contributed to the historic reunification of a Europe marked by peace, democracy and prosperity.

GERMANY

Student Omar Al Kassab was selected for his CD-Rom Presentation, "Roll On Europe" (*Europa – Rolle vorwärts*) as the choice for the German European Movement's nomination of "Contribution of the Year for Europe, 2003". The CD examined the construction of the European Community from its beginnings in the early 1950's to the EU as it stands today, as well as the role of the citizens of Europe, their common history and diverse characteristics.

HUNGARY

The Hungarian nomination for contribution of the year reflected the work of Ambassador Endre Juhász, who in recent years has worked diligently in preparing for Hungary's admission to the European Union. The Hungarian government recently appointed him Minister for European Union Joining Affairs.



ITALY

A questionnaire with nominations for "Contribution of the year in Europe" was distributed by the European Movement Italy to those who participated during the festivities and resulted in Mr. Romano Prodi being nominated as "European Man of the Year".

LATVIA

The highlight of Europe Week 2003 in Latvia was the European Movement Latvia's nomination of Marija Naumova, winner of the 2002 European Song Contest as its "Contribution of the Year for Europe". The event was marked with a press conference at which former Prime Minister and Foreign Minister Valdis Birkavs and senior official of the European Commission in Brussels, Eduards Bruno Deksnis attended. The occasion was covered by all of the principle Latvian TV and radio stations and newspapers.

LITHUANIA

Participants of Lithuania's Europe Day agreed that the original and interesting book on Lithuanian membership to the EU, "Imperijos darymas" ("Making Empire") by Gintaras Beresnevičius be nominated as its "Contribution of the Year for Europe".

SERBIA

Duško Lopandić, Head of the Government of Serbia's Office for European Integration and President of the European Movement Serbia's European Forum received the "Contribution of the Year" award, which was presented by Živorad Kovačević, President of the EM in Serbia.

SPAIN

The European Movement in Spain nominated its President Eugenio Nasarre de Goicoechea for his speech at this year's Flag-hoisting ceremony on the 9th of May as its selection for "Contribution of the Year".

SWITZERLAND

A special commission elected Mr. Marc F. Suter, Member of the Swiss Parliament and President of NOMES since 1993, for his work "Alors que l'Europe est en mouvement; la Suisse continue à s'isoler", as its choice for "Contribution of the Year".





Several information stalls were set up in major Austrian towns, including Vienna, Graz, Linz, Wels, Innsbrück, Salzburg and Villach from the 3rd to the 10th of May. This kind of street action was a noteworthy occasion for people to meet each other and discuss European issues. It proved to be highly successful in uniting people of all ages whose different visions on Europe produced a constructive debate, in which themes such as the role of the High Representative for the CFSP, the Convention, a single representation for the EU in the UN, WTO and in NATO and competition and legislation within the EU were discussed.

Enlargement of the EU



This issue proved to be the most controversial of the week, with many fearing a loss of national identity if the Schengen zone was to be opened up to a further ten countries. However, fears were dispelled following discussions with European activists who presented the future benefits of the enlargement process to existing member states. Enlargement of the Union was also recognised as a vital measure in ensuring peace and stability in Europe.

Erasmus and Leonardo Programmes

There was a general consensus throughout Austria on the success of European exchange programmes such as Erasmus and Leonardo, with young people expressing a keen interest in the possibilities they have to offer and sharing their experiences of living and studying abroad. Furthermore, it was realised that the future enlargement of the European Union would offer citizens even more opportunities to discover new countries, their culture and history.





Under the framework of the 9th of May project, the European Movement in Belgium organised many activities aimed at increasing European awareness amongst the citizens of Belgium, with a particular focus on the diversity of cultures as well as our common destiny in the construction of Europe.

"Festival of Europe" activities

In accordance with an open-day of EU Institutions on May 3rd 2003, the European Movement Belgium organised a range of activities for 200 youths aged 17-25, under the framework of the trans-national project "Festival of Europe".



The morning activities included a visit to "Mini-Europe" park where, following a presentation on the functions of the European Union and enlargement of the EU, the European agenda for the year was introduced. The participants then visited the new exposition, "Spirit of Europe", where an interactive programme conveyed the major stages and challenges of the construction of the EU and its institutions.



Lunch was preceded with the announcement of Contribution of the Year for Europe and was followed with activities which took place at the European Parliament. A debate on the role of the European Union in the world, in which

MEP Jan Dhaene participated proved highly successful amongst the participants. Following the debate, participants had the opportunity to visit the stands of the various groups represented in the Parliament.





Europe Day events in Bulgaria were highly successful and received widespread media coverage. Festivities included an exhibition and jazz concert in Plovdiv and the establishment of info stalls on the European Union in Sofia and Veliko Turnovo.

Public Debate



A public discussion was organised in Sofia by JEF, UEF and Europe House – Sofia on “The future of the enlarged European Union”, which brought together MP’s, dignitaries from the Diplomatic Corps, Bulgarian representatives of the European Convention, students and professors of Sofia University and NGO leaders. Greetings were sent on behalf of the President of Bulgaria, Georgi Parvanov and the Minister of European Affairs, Meglena Kuneva.

The participants in the debate expressed their support for a European Constitution and conveyed their desire for Bulgarian membership to the EU in 2007. Amongst the speakers present were Mr. Christof Stock, Second Secretary of the Delegation of the European Commission to Bulgaria, Ioannis Metaxas, First Councillor of the Greek Embassy, Bert van der Lingen, Deputy Head of Mission, Royal Dutch Embassy, Aleksander Arabadjiev, MP and Bulgarian Member of the European Convention, Prof. Andrey Pantev, MP., Mr. Svetoslav Spassov, MP and President of the UEF – Bulgaria. During the event, the winners of the essay and drawing competitions “Europe of Tomorrow” were announced.



Media Coverage



The event was covered by Bulgarian National Television, 7 Days TV, the Bulgarian Military Channel and Darik Radio. An interview with Mr. Svetoslav Spassov was also published in the local daily paper, “Shumenska Zaria”.



As part of its Europe Day festivities, the European Movement Croatia in collaboration with the Euro Youth Club, City Council of Zagreb and the European Commission organised many activities with the aim of promoting public awareness of European values and institutions.

A total of approximately 1.500 students, teachers, intellectuals, public figures, media representatives and politicians participated directly in the project and more than 100.000 people were reached indirectly through the media, street events and leaflets. Activities ranged from casual discussions to high-profile award ceremonies, and introduced participants to the importance of the EU's actions, the role of its bodies and the multi-dimensionality of its composing cultures.



THE ANNUAL EUROPEAN CIRCLE AWARD was conferred upon five individuals for their outstanding contribution in promoting European integration in Croatia. Each recipient was presented with a certificate, and their merits and achievements received widespread media coverage.



A LECTURE ENTITLED "CROATIA ON ITS WAY TO EU MEMBERSHIP" was delivered by Mr. Vlatko Silobrčić, President of the European Movement Croatia and Mr. Ljubomir Čučić, Vice-President of the International European Movement.



Throughout "Europe week", publications and leaflets were distributed in schools, universities and libraries, while on Europe Day, Euro Youth Club organised **"EUROTRAM"**, which involved their members circling Zagreb on a tram, distributing brochures about the EU.



A **EUROQUIZ** on current EU topics was held in schools around Zagreb. The winners of Euroquiz 2003 were students from Kralj Tomislav Elementary School, who were awarded with books on EU-related topics.



Czech Republic



The Czech European Movement organised many activities for its 9th of May celebrations, including open-air events in several towns and cities, quizzes on European related topics as well as on the history and culture of the Czech Republic. Radio programmes also provided an opportunity to disseminate material about the European Union and to promote political participation in the June 2003 referendum.



Partial Projects

Partial projects, including seminars on topics such as "European Civil Society" and "How will the EU be in the future?" commenced on April 29th and were held in regions such as Hradec Kralove, Usti nad Labem and Brno and were all very well received. Other partial projects included live radio discussion programmes, TV presentations and the publication of articles. Partial projects concluded on May 9th with the commencing of Europe Day festivities, however, following positive feedback and popular demand, many of the programmes were re-broadcast on later dates.



Europe Day events organised for May 8th took place at the Golden Angel in Prague and were specifically aimed at families. Amongst the many activities on offer were disco-dancing, competitions, singing as well as a jazz concert that catered for all age groups. The event was attended by Mr. Edvard Outrata, President of the Czech National Council of the European Movement, Mrs. Laura Augir, First Secretary of the Ambassador of the EU in the Czech Republic and Mr. Miroslav Skaloud, Senator, Mr. Milan Jancik, Mayor of Prague and many representatives of city authorities.

May 9th 2003

"Europe Day 2003" in the Czech Republic offered citizens the opportunity to get involved in the EU accession debate. In Hradec Kralove, approximately 300 people visited the info points, while in Usti nad Labem, Czech Senator R. Falber and the European Movement's representative, Mr. Hrabcik discussed with participants the main issues related to the future of the Czech Republic in the European Union. Organisers distributed 370 information packs on the institutions of the EU.





Denmark



Musical Festivities & Speeches

A large stage was erected at the Town Hall in Copenhagen to welcome both musicians and public personalities. Lone Dybkjaer, MEP, Erik Boel, President of the Danish European Movement and Anders Lund Madsen, artist and journalist delivered speeches. Popular music pop band, Back to Back and jazz band, WonderBrass entertained the crowd of over a thousand. In order to highlight the next historic phase of enlargement, NGOs from Lithuania, Hungary and Slovenia, in cooperation with JEF and the European Movement of Denmark organised info stands to distribute information on the EU. The event proved to be highly successful, combining pro-European political speeches and music – so far an unknown combination in the Danish debate on the EU.



European Flag Campaign



The Danish European Movement invited all major cities and towns to decorate their town halls with European flags. This initiative proved to be very successful in the towns of Aarhus, Esbjerg, Odense and Copenhagen.

Media Coverage

A publicity campaign was coordinated to announce details of Europe Day events. Posters were displayed throughout the city and significant internet sites such as AOK publicised Europe Day. The day received widespread coverage from both television and the press, with special attention paid to Prime Minister, Anders Fogh Rasmussen award for “European of the Year”.





In collaboration with various associations, the European Movement in Estonia organised activities aimed at students, civil servants and the general public, which succeeded in attracting approximately 7000 people.

Annual 9th May Conference

This year's conference analysed Estonia's integration into the European Union during the past ten years. An impressive list of speakers dealt with the dynamics involved in fulfilling the Copenhagen criteria. In addition, a number of people were honoured for their contribution to the integration process, and a brochure entitled "From Copenhagen to Copenhagen" was published for the occasion.

Forum

The European Youth Forum from 16th to 17th of May raised European awareness among people aged between 15-16 predominantly by providing practical information about the possibilities created for them on a European level as well as at a national level. Furthermore, the Forum was an incentive to increase mobility among target groups through the use of working groups. Approximately 150 participants and more than 25 different organisations expressed interest in future projects.



Marathon



The principle motive behind "May run", was to introduce a new popular sport activity, "Nordic walking", targeted at people who either cannot bare the pressure of jogging (due to heart diseases, age, etc.), or those who work in a very non-dynamic working environment. The event drew people's attention to a new sport, developed in an EU member state (Finland). This promoted the idea that Estonian membership to the EU will provide people with more time and resources and shall lead to an improvement in their quality of life.

Media coverage

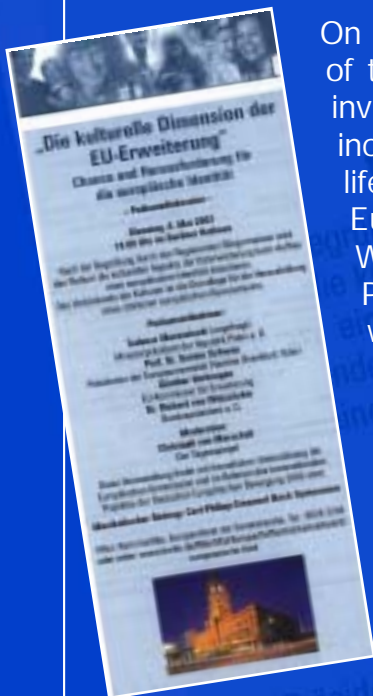
Events were covered by the national press of Estonia, including Eesti Päevaleht daily, Sirp; Kanal 2 (TV), Eesti Radio (state channel) and Kuku Radio (leading private channel) and also Lääne Elu.



Under the framework of Europe Day 2003, three principle activities organised by the European Movement Germany ought to be highlighted.

Detmold Conference

On May 5th the subject of "Eastern enlargement of the European Union" was discussed. Those invited represented various sectors of society, including industrial, commercial and political life. The speakers were the secretary for Europe of the Bundesland Nordrhein-Westfalen, Prof. Dr. Miriam Meckel, and the Polish Consul to Germany, Mr. Wawrzyniak, who spoke on behalf of the candidate countries. Everyone agreed on the advantages which enlargement would bring on a social, economic, political and diplomatic level.



Berlin

On 6th May 2003, the Senate Chancellery of Berlin, Dept. of European Affairs hosted a panel discussion on "The Cultural Dimension of EU Enlargement – An Opportunity & Challenge for European Identity". This event, being a cooperation project between the European Movement Berlin and the Senate Chancellery Berlin, was a highlight among the 140 events that took place this year within the framework of "Europawoche" in Berlin. At the invitation of the Governing Mayor of Berlin, Klaus Wowereit, who delivered the welcoming speech, Dr. Gesine Schwan, President of Viadrina European University in Frankfurt/Oder, Günter Verheugen, EU Commissioner, DG Enlargement, Dr. Tadeusz Mazowiecki, the first non-Communist prime minister of Poland and Richard von Weizsäcker, former president of Germany, took part in the discussion. Dr. Christoph von Marschall of "Der Tagesspiegel" chaired the discussion. The panel discussion was a great success for all involved with the number of spectators exceeding all expectations.

"Europe at School" 5 May 2003, House of German History, Bonn

A prize-giving ceremony was organised in celebration of the 50th anniversary of the European competition "Europe at School", involving the exhibition of 56 award-winning competition entries in the House of German History. Dr. Monika Wulf-Mathies, President of the European Movement of Germany opened the activities, which were covered by several newspapers and which included a debate between 250 young students and distinguished guests.





Europe Day in Athens was celebrated out on the streets, with two public actions organised aimed at informing citizens on the progress of the Convention on the European Constitution.

Info Stands



Info points were assembled on a pedestrian street in the centre of Athens, where both young and old citizens were able to discuss the European Constitution, the efforts of the Convention, the expected outcome and the impact it will have on the future of the Union. Even though people were interested in European developments, a significant percentage expressed concern about the democratic deficit that characterises the E.U now. The general consensus which prevailed was the need for Europe to become a strong, independent global player and to speed up the enlargement process.

"Tehnopolis"

The second event organised by the European Movement in Greece was held in the "Tehnopolis" of the municipality of Athens and consisted of an exhibition entitled "Enlargement". The European Movement once again organised an info-point, which gave citizens the opportunity to discuss both the European Constitution and the effects of enlargement on the current member states of the EU. People expressed their points of view and concerns for the future but generally welcomed the accession countries in the E.U. Europe's role in the globalised world of today was also debated and received ample attention, especially from younger participants.





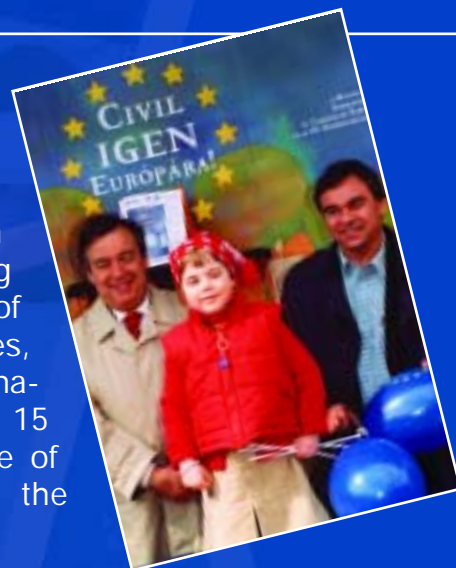
Hungary



Europe day in Hungary focused events on the history of European enlargement. The Hungarian European Movement, in association with Europe House Hungary, planned a gala day for the 9th of May. Due to the success of previous years, secondary school students were a primary target group for the day's programme.

Conferences

Preparations in Hungary got under way early with various satellite events being held throughout the country. One of the major conferences was held at the Mayor's Office in Nyíregyháza, where panellists debated the then forthcoming referendum. The Nyíregyháza conference also formed part of the "Civil Yes for Europe" campaign – a series of programmes, which preceded the EU referendum. Furthermore, an international conference in April involved participants from 15 countries and provided an opportunity for NGOs outside of Hungary to experience first-hand, procedures during the Hungarian referendum.



Student activities



The 2003 central programme was held on the Danube River in Budapest. The activities included discussions on youth-related programmes of the European Union such as the work on the Convention, the future of Europe and the expected effects of membership on the youth. In a special brainstorming session, students worked in preparation of the Europe student diary 2003/2004. Throughout Hungary, students were involved in other activities such as competitions, public-speaking events, poster exhibitions and sports events. The objective was to create a pro-European atmosphere, clearly expressing the interest of young people in European affairs.





Festivities for Europe Day in Italy were organised by the Italian Council of the European Movement (CIME) in various regions around Italy and in collaboration with the Permanent Office of the European Commission and Parliament in Italy, the Council of Rome, the Association "CantierEuropa", the Presidency of Minister Council, "Explora il museo dei bambini" and the Embassies of the new European countries.

Meetings on Europe debate

Under the activities framework for the 9th of May, a debate took place at the "European Village", on the expectations of the youth regarding changes in Europe in the "the European Village" set up in "Piazza del Popolo" in the centre of Rome. The speakers included Francesco Tufarelli - chief of Cabinet of the Italian Minister of European Affairs, Giancarlo D'Alessandro - President of "Cantiereuropa", Giacomo Fillbeck - President of Youth European Forum and Massimo Gaudina - general secretariat of the EC. In the afternoon, the opening of the "European Village" involved distinguished political figures such as Walter Veltroni, Mayor of Rome and Giuliano Amato, Vice-President of the European Convention. Video messages from Romano Prodi and Pat Cox in Brussels were also shown to participants. The CIME also hosted a cocktail reception for all present personalities.



Info-Stands



In Rome an info stand entitled "Euroattiviamoci" was assembled by the CIME in order to distribute information and material on Europe during which 2500 people were reached during the two days. In other Italian cities, such as Genoa, Pisa, Agrigento and Ragusa activities were organised and further stands were erected. Debates were also organised to discuss a European Constitution for the future, at which over 300 people attended.

Media Coverage

The Italian television and press covered all Europe Day events extensively. Many leaflets, brochures and gadgets was distributed to citizens to promote European awareness.

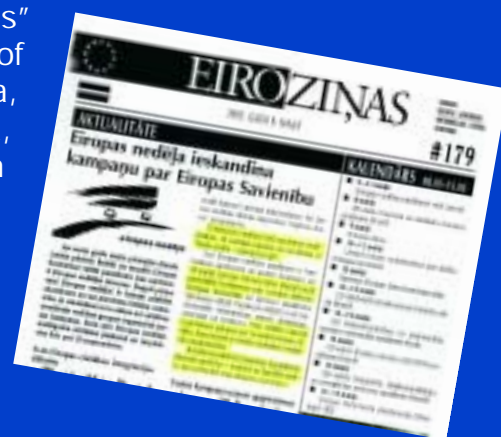




The aim of the Latvian European Movement's project for the 9th of May and Europe week was to consolidate the regional NGOs of Latvia in preparation for the referendum on September 20th, in order to provide well-founded personalised information on Latvia's accession to the EU. Over 60 events with thousands of participants were organised by the Latvian EM in collaboration with other NGOs.

Educational Activities

During Europe Week, a specially designed "Eurobus" travelled throughout Latvia to the cities and towns of Aizkraukle, Ādaži, Jēkabpils, Daugavpils, Jersika, Kazdanga, Aizpute, Apriķi, Vaidava, Kocēni, Mazsalaca, Rēzekne, and Viļāni in order to distribute information on both the EU and Latvia's membership, which resulted in over 1000 people being reached. Lectures, discussions, competitions and European film evenings were organised with the active support of local organisations. Special info stands and publications were also prepared.



Media Coverage

With the assistance of the media, Europe day was widely publicised at the national and local level. Latvian Public Television repeatedly broadcast reports on the "Eurobus" tour of Latvia, which was designed with a special logo of the Latvian European Movement's pre-referendum campaign, "My Choice – Latvia in Europe". The events also received widespread publicity in both the Latvian and Russian national daily and regional newspapers.



Publications

A new publication of the EM Latvia, "European Persons of Latvia", was presented during the week. The booklet aimed to inform citizens of the advantages of Latvian membership to the EU and was supported by popular Latvian personalities including the winner of the "Eurovision Song Contest 2002", Marie N (Marija Naumova), State President, Vaira Vīķe-Freiberga, and Former Foreign Minister Valdis Birkavs.





In Lithuania Europe day 2003 was organised to correspond with the referendum of May 10-11th. The informational campaign was arranged to inform Lithuanian citizens about the benefits of EU membership and also to encourage political participation in the EU referendum.

"Listen the Voice of Youth"



"Listen the voice of youth" involved the Lithuania Students Representatives Association and the Alma Adankiené Foundation. From May 3rd to 7th students pitched tents in Vilnius old Town. The event was opened by various delegates, and ambassadors from several European countries spoke to the public. Each of the tents prepared a presentation on both the member states of the EU and the candidate countries, and film presentations, shows and games were also organised. Visitors to the project included the German Minister for Foreign Affairs, Joschka Fischer and Lithuanian Prime Minister Algirdas Brazauskas.

Student and Youth Activities

A competition organised by the Lithuanian European Movement, "Why do I want to be an European?" took place in various schools throughout Lithuania. The teachers of these schools organised an art competition of which the best were published in a booklet created and exhibited in the Lithuanian Parliament. Seminars were organised as part of the "Youth, Don't be unconcerned" campaign. The seminars gave those young people who had participated in summer camps on "Lithuania after enrolling in the EU and in NATO" the opportunity to apply their knowledge to the issues of the day.



Media programs



In celebration of Europe Day, Lithuanian TV broadcast a humoristic TV show, "About the EU lightly" to encourage political participation. Those who partook in the broadcast included the President and Prime Minister of Lithuania.



Romania



MUZEUL NAȚIONAL DE ISTORIE A ROMÂNIEI

Asociația Culturală Pro Basarabia și Bucovina

Under the framework of the 9th May 2003, the European Movement in Romania organised activities in Bucharest as well as in other regions such as Jassy and Constanta.

Academia Dacoromână, București

"The European Movement and the EU"

President of the European Movement in Romania, Dr. Corneliu Zeana delivered a speech at the Municipal Theater in Braila, one of the most significant Danube harbours in Romania. Many other conferences were organised in May, including workshops on "Freedom of Expression and the Power of the Press in Romania" and "European Integration of Romania: Institutional Corruption as the Main Obstacle". The key conclusions of the discussions were published in "Romania Libera", one of the most important newspapers in Romania.

Trans-national Event

A conference was held from May 9th-10th in Chisinau, the Republic of Moldova, on "Moldova between East and West". The conference focused on topics such as the Republic of Moldova in an enlarged Union, the Foreign Policy of the EU and Regional Politics in the EU. A delegation from the European Movement in Romania travelled to Romania for the meeting, while other participants included

Dr. Michael Zickerick, German Ambassador to Moldova, Dr. Helmut Kurth, Friedrich Ebert Foundation and Dumitru Diacov, President of the Democratic Party of Moldova.



Concert

On June 1st, a concert was held which marked the end of the Festival for Europe Day in Romania. Essay competitions and other activities involving students were also brought to a close at this event.

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This year saw the European Movement Serbia celebrating their 11th year of existence and in collaboration with various Serbian organisations, it was decided to mark Europe Day during the weekend of May 8 – 12th. In the run-up to celebrations, art and literary competitions were launched in elementary schools and high schools throughout Serbia.

Quiz: 'My Europe'



In co-operation with Radio B92 and the EU Info Point, the European Movement in Serbia organised a daily quiz which ran every morning from May 5th to 10th. Each listener who correctly answered questions relating to the EU won a pair of tickets to the Darkwood Dub concert, as well as one of the many prizes provided by the European Commission Delegation and foreign embassies in Serbia. The Belgrade Philharmonic and the Euro Info Correspondence Centre also donated prizes.



Celebrations

Numerous activities were organised during Europe weekend. A press conference on May 7th announced the commencement of festivities and was followed with a weekend of art exhibitions by elementary-school pupils, a presentation of "Europe from A to Z – A Handbook on European Integration" to 80 high school history professors, and a cocktail party at the Ceremonial Hall of the Belgrade City Assembly which was attended by leading public figures. On May 9th, a presentation was delivered on the ten candidate countries, aimed at educating and familiarising citizens with the membership process.



On the occasion of Europe Day, the Zrenjanin Municipal Office and the Serbian EM's local branch organised a celebration in the city hall, which featured choirs and children music groups. Furthermore, the main street of the city was symbolically proclaimed an Open Street of Europe and was decorated with EU symbols by pre-school children.



The focus days for Europe Day celebrations in Spain were concentrated on the 8th and 9th of May. Numerous activities took place with the aim of increasing citizen's awareness of the European Union. The activities were organised under the framework of the Spanish Federal Council of the European Movement (CFEME).

Public events

The chief event of Europe Day in Spain was the annual ceremony at Plaza de Cristobal Colón, where the European flag was hoisted to the sound of the European anthem. The ceremony was attended by EU ambassadors, the ambassadors of the candidate countries and other national authorities. Following the service, the Madrid Town Hall Band played a concert to entertain those in attendance.



Youth Meeting

A meeting was organised at Complutense University for both students and professors with the participation of several influential speakers, including Jose Ma Gil-Robles, Fernando Alvarez de Miranda, Carlos Ma Bru Purón, Miguel Martínez Cuadrado, Francisco Aldecoa and many more important personalities of the CFEME. The meeting was followed with a working lunch, at which the work of the Convention and Europe's role in the world was discussed.



Media coverage

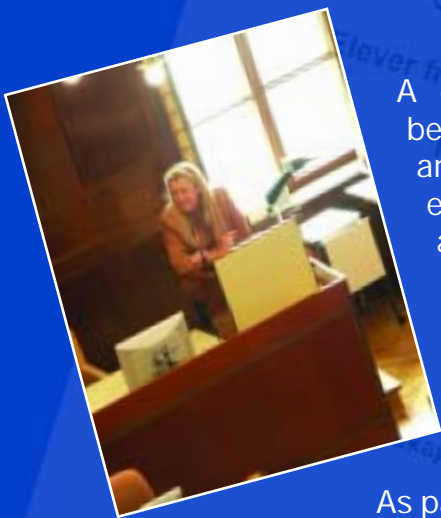
Europe Day in Spain was received very well by both the public and the media. The hoisting of the European flag in Madrid and the annual Salvador de Madariaga Aware were extensively covered by the press, television and radio.





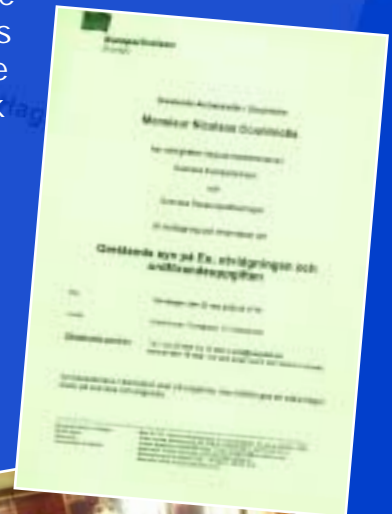
Europe Day activities in Sweden commenced on May 8th in Göteborg, where a public meeting was held on European politics. Further activities took place throughout the month of May.

Stockholm



A dialogue conference was co-ordinated for May 9th between MEP Jan Andersson and MP Göran Lennmarker and held in Tensta high school, where students participated in a lively debate and expressed their views on Sweden and the EU. A further conference was organised for May 11th and was hosted by Sören Lekberg, Swedish Delegate of the European Convention and covered many issues, including European enlargement. Following his presentation, Mr. Lekberg answered questions from the audience.

As part of the 9th of May celebrations, the Greek Ambassador to Sweden, HE Mr. Nicolaos Couninotis held a meeting on May 22nd, at which he spoke of his country's position in the European Union and Greek relations with Turkey.



Göteborg

EU Commissioner, Margot Wallström, together with MEP Lisbeth Grönfeldt-Bergman and Theatre Director Jasenko Selimovic participated in a conference on "The Future of Europe" on May 9th. The members of the European Movement of Sweden and other guests took part in a discussion which followed the speeches.





Switzerland



On the occasion of Europe Day 2003, the Swiss European Movement organised several events throughout the week of May 5th to 9th. These projects were organised in collaboration with 'YES' – Young European Swiss, and endeavoured to promote Europe Day amongst Swiss citizens and educate them on matters relating to the European Union and integration.

Membership debated



More than 300 people participated in a debate on the benefits of Swiss membership to the EU at the University of Berne. Marc F. Suter, Member of the Swiss Parliament and President of NOMES, Christoph Blocher, Member of the Swiss Parliament and President of ASIN



(l'Action pour une Suisse indépendante et neutre) also partook in the debate. A considerable campaign of information was prepared with info stands assembled two weeks before the debate at the entrance of the university

Information Meeting

On the 14th of May, approximately 250 people attended a meeting held in Geneva to discuss the role of the neutral countries of the EU and to assess the possibility of retaining Swiss neutrality if Switzerland were to join the Union. The meeting was a resounding success and resulted in numerous students joining YES and NOMES (*Nouveau Mouvement Européen Suisse*). Pierre Maudet, Member of the NOMES Committee, François Lachat, Jean Fattebert and Serge Beck, Members of the National Parliament and Marc Comina, a television journalist participated at the event.



Festivals

Celebrations in Fribourg provided the opportunity to celebrate Europe Day in a multi-cultural atmosphere. During the festival two European DJ's and a live band entertained a crowd of 250, while in Zurich, 350 took part in a huge party which adhered to the same principle as that which went on into the night in Fribourg.



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