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Foreword



The European Movement International, with its National Councils across Europe and its International Member organisation, the Young European Federalists (JEF), celebrated the 9th of May - Europe Day with around 160 pan-European events and festivities.

22 partners organised a variety of events: student competitions, political meetings, radio and TV programmes, concerts, public seminars, lectures, workshops and debates on specific EU-related subjects, which were held **in 28 countries across Europe**. All events took place in a public context and attracted hundreds, and often thousands of people. Extensive media coverage at national level ensured that the **actions extended to an audience of more than 20 million people**.

The festivities took place with the common objective to celebrate the European Union “united in diversity”, a European Union which respects the freedom and identity of all the people of which it is composed. This has been done from different perspectives, extending the celebrations also beyond the borders of the EU to

neighbouring countries, many of whom are aspiring candidate countries or candidate countries and also those in the European Economic Area.

The Annual “European Contribution of the Year Award”, reflecting engagement in the European integration process, was organised in all participating countries. This Europe-wide public awarding **proved to be an effective tool** for strengthening and highlighting both the trans-national nature and the symbolic meaning of the project.

We would like to thank our partners for their engagement and enthusiasm in promoting the European ideals to which the project aspires and which are central to the 9th May vision. We would also like to express our sincere gratitude to the sponsors at the national and local level in all countries involved and to the European Commission Directorate General for Education and Culture for their financial support.

Henrik H. Kröner

Secretary General

Brussels, September 2005

the 9th of May

What is the 9th of May?

On the 9th May 1950 the first move was made towards the creation of what is now known as the European Union. In Paris that day, the French Foreign Minister Robert Schuman called on France and Germany to pool together their coal and steel production as "the first concrete foundation of a European federation" and at the same time invited other European countries to join.

Europe wide celebration of 9th of May – Europe Day by EM

The European Movement has celebrated this historic day every year since 1950 as a symbol of Europe's ambition to create a unified and peaceful European Union. As one of the four official symbols of the European Union (as outlined in the Constitutional Treaty), **Europe Day** is a key reminder of the European Community heritage.

Building on the long experience at international and

national level, the European Movement launched a **Europe-wide campaign** in 2002 with a common structure, message and tools. The range of activities includes school training seminars, cultural exhibitions, school competitions, information exchanges, public events and concerts aiming at raising awareness and underlining the meaning of "Europe Day". An important part of the campaign is the "European Contribution of the Year Award", which is carried out by each National Council.

In 2005, 28 countries participated in celebrating Europe Day.

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"World peace cannot be safeguarded without the making of creative efforts proportionate to the dangers which threaten it.

The contribution which an organised and living Europe can bring to civilisation is indispensable to the maintenance of peaceful relations"

*Robert Schuman,
Paris, 9th of May 1950*

"European Contribution" of the Year Award



Belgium

The EM Belgium decided to nominate the Members of the European Parliament and the European Commissioner of Belgian nationality. This nomination aimed to promote their contribution to Europe and increase their profile amongst citizens. The Contribution of the Year award was given to the European Commissioner **Louis Michel**.

Bulgaria

Carmen Gonsalves, Deputy Head of Mission of the Royal Dutch Embassy received the prize for her contribution to the National Campaign "European Destination", initiated by the Royal Dutch Embassy.

Croatia

The European Contribution of the Year Award was presented to Nj. E. Mr. **Jan Petrik**, ambassador of Republic of Slovakia in Croatia, for the lecture "Experiences of the one year Slovak full membership in the European Union".

Denmark

The Danish European Movement decided to award the prize to the Belarusian political prisoner, **Mikhail Marinich**. He is actively involved in opposition activities and has openly stated his disagreement with the Lukashenko regime. His son, **Igor Marinich**, received the prize on behalf of his father and gave a speech to the congress of the Danish European Movement.

Estonia

The **Estonian Agricultural Registers and Information Board** (ARIB) was awarded for its contribution to the promotion of Estonian agriculture. The ceremony took place in Tallinn Tammsaare Park. The award was presented by the President of the European Movement Estonia Mr **Riivo Sinijärvi** and the Estonian Minister for Foreign Affairs Mr **Urmas Paet**.



Germany

The “Contribution of the Year” award was given to the European Internet newsmagazine “**Café Babel**”. The award ceremony was held on the premises of the Luxembourg Embassy in Berlin. A member of the European Commission, **Viviane Reding**, introduced the prizewinner and presented the award.

Iceland

The European Movement in Iceland selected **Mr. Jón Baldvin Hannibalsson**, former foreign minister of Iceland as the European of the Year in Iceland. While being the foreign minister he was the main proponent of supporting the independence of Baltic States after the fall of the Berlin Wall.

Italy

This year the prize for the European of the Year 2005 was awarded by the Italian Council of the European Movement to Mario Monti, former European Commissioner for Competition at the European Union. Until the very last period of its mandate, in fact, Mr Monti has shown a great deal of Europeanism and deep motivation in dealing with such a sensitive matter as the competition in Europe.

Lithuania

The Contribution of the Year award was traditionally given to students who won the essay contest «**Me – Lithuania – Europe**». EM Lithuania had considered awarding the prize to a well-known person in Lithuania, but they retained the current idea, because this kind of activity directly involves a number of people.

"European Contribution" of the Year Award



Macedonia The European Contribution of the Year prize was awarded to **Ms. Vanja Efremovska**, the youngest participant in the EC questionnaire launched by the Government of the Republic of Macedonia.

Poland The European Contribution of the Year award was presented in Poland for the first time. Considering his commitment in representing Poland on the European stage, this prize was given to **Professor Bronislaw Geremek**. The ceremony took place in the White Synagogue in Sejny.

Romania The European of the Year Award for 2004 was awarded to Mr. **Michail Marinich**, President of the EM Belarus. **Pavel Severinetz** and **Nicolai Statkevithc**, were arrested and condemned in a non transparent manner. The prize for European activities was offered to Fundatia "Musata Aromana" represented by Elena and Willy Wisosensky, for artistic activities devoted to perpetuation of traditional dance and music of Aromanians.

Serbia EM Serbia decided to award **Gordana Lazarevic**, deputy minister for external economic relations, for her efforts in promoting European ideas in Serbia. The prize was awarded in the Student Center of Culture at the opening of the exhibition "Street life".

Spain EM Spain decided to award this prize to **Mrs. Teresa Freixes**, Constitutional Law Professor and Jean Monnet Chair, Law School Autonomy University of Barcelona, for her speech at the European Woman Award ceremony.



Sweden **Christina Wahrolin**, deputy President of the Swedish Association for Disabled was awarded the prize for her work for disabled people in Sweden and on a European level.

Switzerland Four politicians, all members of cantonal governments, were given the award “European of the year”. **Kathrin Hilber, Georg Hess, Markus Notter and Hans Martin Tschudi**, members of the working group “Eu-Ref-Ka” (European-Reforms-Cantons) are the authors of the report “Europe – challenge for federalism” which was the most important contribution to the public debate on Europe in Switzerland in the last year.

Ukraine EM Ukraine decided to present the award to **Victor Yushchenko**, President of the new democratic Ukraine. He attended the award ceremony and was presented with his award on stage. On receiving the award, President Yushchenko addressed the crowd from the main stage.

JEF-Europe Among all the members of the European Parliament under 36 years old, JEF Europe choose eight of them according to gender, party and territorial balance: Alexander Stubb and Livia Jaroka from EPP; Saïd El Khadraoui and Edith Mastenbroek from Socialist Party; Feleknas Uca and Raul Romeva from the Greens; and Cecilia Mallstrom and Alexander Nuno Alvaro from the Liberals. Following an online vote, the Contribution of the Year Award was given to **Ms. Edith Mastenbroek**, a Dutch socialist who won with more than 2000 votes.



Exhibition on the Enlarged Europe



European Hymn



9th May Poster

Once again the European Movement Austria celebrated Europe Day with several different activities on the 9th May. EM Austria paid special attention to the diversification of the locations where the activities took place.

Europe Exhibition

Classic info stalls and a "Europe exhibition" were central to the Europe Day activities in Austria within the framework of the European Movement's project transnational. At the info stalls information material from the European Commission and the European Parliament was offered to the public. The "Europe exhibition" informed the public of general facts concerning EU member states.

In Vienna Europe Day was celebrated with two info stalls. Along with various information on Europe and the EU, leaflets on European mobility programmes and internships in European institutions were distributed. Students were mainly interested in the information on internships.

In Graz Europe Day was celebrated with a big public event organized by the EM and UEF Austria in the main square of Graz. The governor of Styria, Ms Waltraud Klassnik gave the opening speech. Traditional folk groups from Poland, Slovenia, Hungary and Slovakia presented their national dances and music.

In Gleisdorf EM Austria staged in cooperation with JEF a violin concert in the main square of the town. This was the opening event for the "Europe exhibition" which was present there for a week. Citizens had the possibility to talk to representatives of the European Parliament at the Info stall.

Europe Day 2005 activities were advertised through the media of the member organizations of the European Movement Austria (websites, member magazines and newsletters). The Austrian Broadcasting Service (ORF) reported on the Europe day activities in Graz and Gleisdorf through both regional TV and radio. There were also some reports in the daily newspapers "Kurier" (2nd biggest Austrian newspaper) and "Kleine Zeitung" (2nd biggest regional newspaper in the south of Austria).

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The European Movement in Belgium organized in collaboration with the European Movement International, the European Commission, JEF and Mini-Europe a series of various activities between the 30th of April and the 9th of May 2005.

European Constitution on Europe Day

The European Movement Belgium had two information stands in the EU area of Brussels during the Open Days. There was one in the European Parliament where the visitors could participate in debates on three topics related to European integration. Each subject was discussed in French and Dutch. Young specialists in European Affairs started the debate with a presentation on the theme and opened the discussion within the group. On each table, there was a European Constitution, which could be read during the debates. About 180 people took part in the debates.

The other stand was in Park Leopold, where several games about the European Constitution and the

Enlargement were played. Some documentation about the European Constitution was also available. A quiz took place with five questions about the European Constitution, European Movement and Mini-Europe. Five forms with the correct answers were picked out every hour. The winners were invited to go to Mini-Europe.

The activities attracted 2500 people at the stands and 180 at the debates. 487 000 people were informed about the afore-mentioned activities through the national newspaper "Metro" and through promotion on the EM Belgium website and through its members.

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9 May stand, Parc Léopold, Brussels



Mr. Nothomb, President of EM Belgium and Mr. Michel, European Commissioner for Development and Humanitarian Aid



The European Institutions Open Doors' Day in Brussels

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Young people present their visions of Europe



Conference on the 9th of May



The European of the Year Award Ceremony

The Union of European Federalists in cooperation with the European Youth Movement-Bulgaria and Europe House-Sofia organised several events in three Bulgarian cities: Sofia, Plovdiv and Vidin.

"Young Bulgarians in Europe"

A public debate on European integration was organized in Sofia in the Information Centre of the Ministry of Defence. About 80 participants followed the discussion with panellists such as Dr Kamen Kolev (Executive Director of the Bulgarian Chamber of Industry), Mr Svetoslav Spassov (MP, President of UEF- Bulgaria), and Mr. Alexander Arabadjiev (MP). The participants received a greeting address on behalf of the Bulgarian Government from Mr Plamen Panayotov, Deputy PM.

After the opening ceremony, the winner of the essay and drawing competition "Young Bulgarians in Europe" was announced. Ms. Dessislava Georgieva, a young student was awarded this prize.

In front of the conference hall an information stand was installed. Leaflets were handed out to the participants along with the information materials received from the Delegation of the European Commission to Bulgaria.

In Plovdiv there was a concert in front of the City Hall. Bands from 50 local schools performed on the stage and in Vidin the Europe Day was celebrated with several events in the park.

The events were covered by the Bulgarian National Radio, NTV, Info Radio, Evrokom TV, DIEMA 2 TV and the Military Channel and "Bulgarian Army" daily.

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The European Movement in Croatia organized a “European week” in order to celebrate Europe Day. The celebration aimed to familiarize the Croatian public, especially young people, with the meaning of EU integration and to raise their awareness about European issues.

European Week 2005

Lectures, workshops and Euro quizzes for young people from different parts of Croatia were organized throughout the week. As young people were one of the most important target groups of the project, many of the activities were organized for students. These events were organized by the Euro Youth Club (the youth branch of the Europe House Zagreb) and young professionals. More than 300 students participated in the different activities organized for them, which included a lecture on EU enlargement and Croatia, a workshop and a Euro quiz. A trip to the National park “Plitvicka jezera” was awarded to the winners of the Euro quiz and other prizes were awarded to the rest of participants.

The competition entitled ‘Europe at School’ was organized by the Ministry of Education in twenty Croatian counties and Zagreb. Over 30 000 pupils participated in the competition. Welcome addresses to awarded pupils were given by Dr. Radovan Fucks, Deputy Minister of Science, Education and Sport. The awards were presented by Mrs. Renata Bačić, project coordinator of the competition. Sponsors provided awards for the 80 prize winners and their professors and 18 pupils participated at prizewinners’ gatherings in Germany, France, Portugal, Cyprus, Lithuania, Czech Republic, Slovenia and The Netherlands.

A Euro-tram completed the list of events on Europe Day. Distribution of information concerning the EU, music, food and drinks and tombola were some of the activities organized on this occasion.

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Discussing Europe



Award ceremony 'Europe at School' on the 9th of May



Euro quiz on Europe Day



Europe Day info stand in Plzen



Public event in Praha



Festivities on the 9th of May

One year after the accession to the European Union, the European Movement Czech Republic organised festivities again this year on the 9th of May.

Celebrating one year in the European Union

The main aim of the project was to promote the accession process among the Czech people in Czech and Moravian Regions and to give information about “European institutions” and a presentation of EU activities.

The European Day provided a forum for discussion concerning the first year of the Czech Republic in the EU and the European Constitution.

This year, the activities took place in **Prague, Hradec Hralove, Brno, Usti nad Labem, Plzen** and, for the first time also in the East North region in Nachod and the Central of Morava in **Olomouc**.

The activities organised on the 9th of May 2005 included conferences, seminars, discussions, exhibitions, press conferences and festivals to celebrate the first year of the Czech Republic in the European Union and to increase knowledge concerning the European Constitution.

A considerable number of political personalities and the President and the Vice-President of the EM Czech Republic, Mr. Outrata and Mr. Riha, attended some of these activities.

The activities received extensive media coverage, with the Czech National TV 1, CT1, Radio 2, Czech Radio 7 and other local press and radio reporting on the various events. Several forms of media broadcasted a special programme about the Schuman Day, the history of European integration and various opinions on the European Constitution, which had been prepared by the EM of the Czech Republic.

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The European Movement in Denmark celebrated the 9th of May 2005 in different parts of the country and contributed to raise awareness of Europe Day.

Increasing awareness of Europe Day

Most of the festivities were organised in Copenhagen, Aarhus, Odense, Aalborg and Esbjerg. Balloons and a Europe cake were offered in the main five cities of the country. Prominent politicians participated in the activities with speeches and cutting the cakes. A quiz with different questions on the constitutional treaty was also run during the Europe Day. Local activists handed out material about the constitutional treaty.

Furthermore, 46 town halls around the country raised the European flag on the 9th of May 2005, encouraged by the President of the Danish European Movement. In 2002 no town halls raised the flag, in 2003 four of the five largest cities in Denmark raised the flag and last year 21 town halls decided to raise the European flag. This demonstrates that there has been a great improve-

ment in the awareness of Europe Day in Denmark between 2002 and 2005.

The activities received widespread media coverage with national radio stations, local and regional newspapers and several regional TV stations reporting from the celebrations in the five biggest cities. In addition, a letter to the editor from the Danish European Movement was published concerning the 9th of May in six regional newspapers. Seven regional newspapers published another letter to the editor regarding the nomination of the European of the Year. The activities reached directly 1500-2000 people, and indirectly about 1 500 000 people.

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Animating Europe



Young participant in the Europe Day festivities



The European Cake in Copenhagen

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Traditional dancing



Map of Europe



The European Rally Car

European Movement Estonia, in cooperation with many partners and sponsors organised a “European Week” – which consisted of a number of activities taking place in Haapsalu, Paide, Põltsamaa, Otepää, Rakvere and Tallinn.

*“The bus of peace
and tolerance”*

The “Cinebus” drove around five cities of Estonia together with the team of The European Movement Estonia. It showed thematic movies, carrying the idea of Europe based on peace and tolerance.

The simulation games offered young people the possibility to gain wider knowledge of the work of the European Parliament and the European Constitution. Young people were simulated European Parliament working issues related to European Constitution. Before the simulation game every participant had the opportunity to receive information about the European Parliament and the Constitution.

Discussions on the European Constitution and other European issues, chaired by the Director of European Movement in Estonia, Rait Talvik, took place in five Estonian cities. A number of personalities were invited to hold speeches in these discussions.

On the last day of the European Week there were a final open-air event carried out in a park in the middle of Tallinn. During this event, the audience could see the pupils presentations related to European cultures. There was also a possibility for children to put together a puzzle of European map.

Hundreds of people participated directly in local events, and citizens of Tallinn took part in the final event of the European Week.

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European Movement Germany organized “The European Movement 2005” award ceremony as a call to civil society in Germany to strengthen their active involvement in improving communication in Europe.

Strengthening Communication in Europe

The EM Germany organized a Kick-Off-Event, where the representatives of civil society were asked to make proposals for possible prizewinners. Several projects and fields of action were presented which helped or may help Europe become easier to understand for the citizens of Germany. Focus was given to an innovative approach and the voluntary engagement of the people. At the end of the conference the EM Germany explained the selection procedure and handed out the call for proposals.

Five members of a jury selected the prizewinner out of all proposals sent in a jury session which took place at the Heinz-Schwarzkopf-Stiftung Junges Europa. The decision was unanimous for the European Internet newsmagazine “Café Babel”.

The award ceremony was held in the Luxembourg Embassy in Berlin. About 220 guests attended the ceremony, including representatives of public and political administration, civil society, secretaries of state and the European Commission. Before the ceremony, Monika Wulf-Mathies, President of the EM Germany and former Member of the European Commission, gave an introductory speech in which she urged the need for much more coherent communication on Europe, both within Europe as a whole and in the individual member states. Viviane Reding, Member of the European Commission handed over the award to **Nils aus dem Moore**, President of “Café Babel” in Germany.

The activities reached indirectly about 6000 recipients.

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Viviane Reding -
"Communicating Europe"



Dialogue with Civil Society



Presentation of European
Contribution of the Year Award



Eurotram



European Discussion during the visit of the Secretary General of the EMI, Mr. Kroner, on the 9th of May



Young participants in Budapest

European Movement Hungary organized in cooperation with Europe House and Center for Foreign-Policy Studies several events in order to celebrate Europe Day.

"Please do not validate your ticket!"

Europe Day in Balatonalmádi took place in the form of a local competition where the task of the students was to introduce, in a poster-like form, one of the 10 new member states and to give a short speech on their topic.

"Please do not validate your ticket!" is not the most common announcement in public transportation, but this was the case in Budapest on Europe Day, where a tram was decorated to become a Europe Tram. Many well known Hungarian and foreign politicians participated in the event, and every passenger received a copy of the Treaty of the European Constitution.

Europe Day 2005 finished with a seminar in the Hungarian Academy of Sciences (HAS). Here, after the opening speech of Professor József Hátori, Vice-

President of HAS and President of EM Hungary Péter Balázs, the first Hungarian European Commissioner and Member of the European Convention summed up the history of the European Constitution so far and Jillian van Turnhout, Vice-President of Group III, EESC, spoke about the Irish ratification process where a referendum will be held in 2006.

On the 10th of May EM Hungary organized a round-table meeting in the "Teleki László Institute". The outstanding occasion was highlighted by the fact that Mr Henrik Kröner, Secretary General of EM International made a visit to Budapest for these celebrations.

In all of these activities about 3000 participants took part directly. The indirect audience was about 33 000 people.

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The European Movement Iceland organized in Reykjavik and Akureyri two activities to celebrate the Europe Day.

The voice of small states in Europe

The main event was a day conference in Akureyri in the north of Iceland concerning the role of small states in future European integration. Four speakers: Mr. Ágúst Þór Árnason, Dr. Thórarinn Pétursson, Mrs. Ingibjörg Sólrún Gísladóttir and Mr. Simo Tiainen gave very interesting lectures. The conference was successful. About 50 participants from the business community in the North Iceland, from the agricultural sector and academic community took part. It was the first international conference on EU matters which has been organized outside the major metropolitan area in Iceland.

The other event was a lecture on the role of Turkey in future European Integration. This was organized in Reykjavik in cooperation with Reykjavik University and the Euro-Info office in Iceland. The main speaker was

Dr. Haluk Gunugur from the University of Izmir and former chairman of the EM in Turkey. He is a very charismatic speaker and the 60 people who attended his lecture were extremely impressed.

Both activities received extensive media coverage in national and local media. Owing to this, it was possible to reach about 25-30% of the Icelandic population.

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Mr. Ágúst Þór Árnason, Ingibjörg Sólrún Gísladóttir, Thórarinn Pétursson and Simo Tiainen



Dr. Gunugur speaks at Reykjavik University



The Award Ceremony



Conference speakers



Giorgio Napolitano, President EM Italy and Giuseppe Vecchio, Dean of the Faculty of Political Science, University of Catania



Section of the audience

The Italian Council of the European Movement organised a big one-day event at the University of Catania, in Sicily, split into two main events: a conference and a forum with civil society.

"Challenges and perspectives in a Union of 25"

On the morning of the 9th May 2005, the conference "Uncertainties and challenges of a Union of 25" took place. The General Secretary of EM Italy, Filadelfio Basile made a general introduction and the President of EM Italy Giorgio Napolitano chaired the session, in which the main speakers were: the former Italian Ministry for European Affairs Rocco Buttiglione, university professors and Members of the Italian Senate. The discussion was lively and the audience, mainly university and school students (almost 400), actively participated in the debate that followed the speeches.

In the afternoon, the event took the shape of a "Forum for the European active citizenship", chaired by the

Coordinator of the Observatory for the European Citizenship (Italian Government) Francesco Tufarelli and introduced by Professor Dario Pettinato of the University of Catania. The Forum involved more than twenty Sicilian schools, associations, movements and local bodies working in the Sicilian Region in an attempt to spread European awareness.

400 participants took part directly in the events. Both activities reached indirectly about 50 000 recipients, thanks to the extensive media coverage in the local press and television.

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In the framework of the project "Europe Day 2005" five national sections of the Young European Federalists (JEF) in cooperation with numerous international and local partners carried out more than 15 events in Croatia, Netherlands, Malta, Moldova, Slovenia and UK.

"Festival of Europe 2005"

Different activities, such as information stands with face paintings and Euro Puzzle, conferences, painting competitions, meetings with politicians took place at the beginning of May, directly reaching above 5000 people.

The activities prepared by the local sections of JEF were organized around three different topics: the strength of European citizenship; the European Constitution and the Referenda process across Europe; the Enlarged European Union and its consequences one year later. Each of the sections decided with which topic they wanted to deal with according to what they found most relevant to their countries.

The organizers of the events were pleasantly surprised and satisfied about the great interest, level of activity and very good qualitative feedback from the lecturers and organizing team on one side, and participants and audience on the other. At the information stands people stopped and took time to discuss topics related to EU, especially the European Constitution in the new countries, but also the European Union in general in countries like Moldova, which is still not member of the Union.

Both at national and at international level, the activities were advertised through different media (websites, press releases, TV, radio, youth magazines and brochures), often reaching national and local newspaper and television.

Special thanks: JEF Croatia, JEF Slovenia, JEF Malta, JEF Netherlands, JEF Moldova and Young Federal Union, all the MEPs who took part in the online poll, schools in Malta: Tarxien Primary C School, San Gwann Primary A School, Gharghur Primary C School, St. Francis Victoria, De la Salle College, Xewkija Primary C School, Bishops Conservatory, Valletta Primary C School, Ursuline Children's Home; European Movement Malta; AEGEE Malta; OSCE Moldova and Richard Laming.

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Young participants



JEF Stand on Europe Day



The Euro-Puzzle

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Map of Europe



Presenting Europe Day



Concert in Riga

The European Movement Latvia organised several activities across the country in order to celebrate the 9th of May – Europe Day. The two main events were held in Riga with six other regional events taking place throughout Latvia.

Latvia in Europe: One year on

One of the highlights of the celebrations was a conference, held in Riga concerning the achievements and challenges for Latvia in Europe. Many representatives of the Latvian integration process took part and this conference received excellent feedback from both the public and mass media. An open-air celebration also took place in Riga with speakers such as the Foreign Minister of Latvia, Artis Pabriks and the Mayor of Riga, Aivars Aksenoks. A project fair also took place, where successful EU supported projects in Latvia were presented.

Many other events took place throughout the rest of Latvia, attracting thousands of participants. A discussion took place in the Liepaja region with city council

representatives, entrepreneurs, farmers and youth organizations. In Madona there was a Festival of Books 'Latvia in Europe', which was attended by well-known writers and poets. The principal idea of the project was that Latvia has joined the EU with its intellectual resources. In Dobele there was a conference on the challenges facing Latvia in the EU and participants at this discussion included city council representatives and the local pensioner's federation.

All of these activities received extensive media coverage throughout Latvia and raised awareness about European topics among Latvian citizens.

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The European Movement Lithuania organised several activities in order to celebrate Europe Day. Many different activities were organised throughout the country. The project aimed to stimulate the creation of an objective vision of the European Union institutions and its members.

"Me-Lithuania-Europe"

The celebration included a series of activities such as an essay contest ("Me-Lithuania-Europe"), discussions on EU enlargement and the European Constitution, a photo competition, funny posters ("Lithuania – in EU") and entertainment.

Different organisations collaborated with the EM in Lithuania in the organisation of the events. The Member of the European Parliament Laima Andrikiene, MP Algirdas Paleckis and Rimantas Dagys, chairman of the EM in Lithuania, participated as speakers and were able to answer a number of questions asked by the participants attending the discussions.

The direct audience was about 1360 and the indirect audience was approximately 41.000 people. The radio station "Extra FM" covered the celebration of the 9th of May and the festivities.

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"Illustrating Europe"



Europe Day brochure



Young Lithuanians



European info stand

Young participants
in the European events

Concert on Europe Day

On the occasion of the 9th of May, a 'Europe week' was organised between the 1st and the 10th of May in order to celebrate the Schuman Declaration's Day.

"Macedonia's path towards Europe"

This year the festivities were celebrated in different cities across the country: **Bitola-Perister, Kumanovo, Gostivar, Kocani, Stip, Tetovo (University of South-Eastern Europe)** and **Skopje**.

The activities aimed to promote and to accept the values and standards of the European integration on domestic territory, as a precondition for the accession of the Republic of Macedonia to the European Union.

The activities organised included a youth race symbolising the race of Macedonia towards the EU, a European Educational and Recreational Youth Camp, debates, movies' projections, workshops on European issues, musical and sporting events, an EU flag raising ceremony and a solemn academy. These events were broadly covered by the Media including MTV and the National TV House.

The different events gathered more than 10 000 people from various nationalities and regions in the Republic of Macedonia. Indirectly more than 500 000 people were reached by the celebrations.

Like the previous year the activities were organised in cooperation with the partners, which included the Sector of the European Integration at the Government of the Republic of Macedonia, Delegation of the European Commission in Skopje, the Information Office of the Council of Europe in Macedonia, the Konrad Adenauer Foundation and the European Movement International.

A series of political personalities and representatives of the partner-organisations participated in the different events.

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The “Europe Day 2005” had a special meaning for many reasons – it coincided with the first anniversary of Malta’s EU membership and the 40th anniversary of the European Movement Malta.

Celebrating 40 years

On the 9th of May the European Movement Malta organized a reception under the patronage of the President of Republic Malta, Dr. Eddie Fenech Adami, to celebrate the Europe Day. Among the guests were members of the diplomatic corps and many distinguished personalities.

The activities were purposely stretched over a longer period of time (from May until July 2005) to follow the process of the ratification of the Treaty establishing a European Constitution by the Maltese House of Representatives. The debate took place in the House of Representatives and the ratification process was scheduled to be complete by the 20th of July. The European Movement supported the stand taken by the Government and the leader of the Opposition to go

on with the ratification after the double blow, which the European Constitution received at the hands of the French and Dutch electors.

All activities carried out by the European Movement Malta received wide media coverage on a national level.

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Presenting Prime Minister
Dr Eddie Fenech Adami



Distinguished guests



Europe Day theme in Malta



Traditional dancing



Public event in Warsaw



Participants in the festivities

The European Movement Poland in partnership with the Children's Friends Association held a number of activities in Sejny, a culturally and ethnically diverse town, near the Lithuanian border.

"Let's Paint Europe"

The Europe Day events took place in the square opposite the Sejnian White Synagogue. It was an artistic event, composed of the artistic teams from the region. One of the many attractions was a version of the "Let's Paint Europe" contest. All the works were presented and evaluated by a specially selected jury. On the streets of Sejny the "European Bicycle Rally" took place – the local youths were invited to take part in the competition. During the breaks between each artistic performance, the master of ceremony reminded the audience about the key dates in the history of the European integration and emphasized the genesis of the Europe Day.

The most important partners during the realisation of this project were local organisations and authorities.

Amongst those were: the Bishop Antanas Baranauskas Foundation - "the Lithuanian House", Cultural Centre in Sejny and "Frontier" Foundation.

Thanks to the media (TVP 3 Białystok, the monthly magazine "Samorząd Europejski", daily newspaper "Gazeta Współczesna" and Radio "5" Suwałki.), news about this multi-national town, its active inhabitants and their pro-European associations and organisations, reached a wide audience in the rest of Poland.

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The main event was the Interethnic European Festival organized in Kogalniceanu , from the 7th to the 9th of May.

Connecting Europe

Kogalniceanu is renowned for the numerous ethnic groups living there, in different parts of the town. Mr. Henrik Kroner, Secretary General of EM International was specially invited. He gave a speech after being introduced by the Mayor of the town, Valeriosif Muresan, at the opening ceremony.

There were many features such as: traditional folk art exhibition, traditional costumes, culinary exhibition and the central event, Festival of Dance and Music. This part of the Festival was organized inside the great hall of the Culture House, where there were 1000 seats filled with enthusiastic participants. This event was favorably commented on in the mass media.

The visit of Mr. Henrik Kroner began on the 6th May, in the town Calarasi. At a Press Conference Nicolae Dragu,

the mayor of the town offered Mr Henrik Kroner the symbolic “Key of the town”.

On the 7th of May a conference was held in Constanta and after his speech, Mr. Henrik Kroner answered numerous questions. Later in the afternoon, a visit to Mangalia took place, together with a meeting with the lord mayor, Dumitru Iorgus.

On the 12th of May in Dalles Hall a conference took place on the significance of Europe Day and matters concerning the EU, present and future with Corneliu Zeana speaking.

Also a delegation from EM Romania took part in the festivities organized by the EM Moldova to celebrate Europe Day in Chisinau.

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Folkloric dancing



9 may participants



Traditional musicians

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Europe Day festivities in Belgrade



European designs for the 9th of May



Young participants in the exhibition

The European Movement Serbia celebrated the 9th of May with a series of activities in Belgrade and 30 other cities all over Serbia where the EM has Local Councils. The overall project idea, contained in the title “Europe in your palm”, was to make the Serbian public aware of European Integration.

“Europe in your hands”

The activities were addressed to various target groups. In the framework of the project “Europe at school”, the art-competition for children from 1300 schools was organized. The best works were presented in the OZON gallery in Belgrade.

The aim of the programme “Technologies and the Young” was to promote Information-Communication Technologies among young people and to raise their awareness of the importance of their contribution to the development of Serbian society and its integration into Europe. One of the activities organised was a competition for the best website created by young people under 18.

A Round table discussion entitled “Freedom of travelling to Europe” was organized in partnership with Institute for International Politics and Economics and Pact of Stability of Southeast Europe. The participants of this debate were representatives of Government, NGO’s, media and other persons relevant to the EU integration process in Serbia.

There were also many other activities taking place. These included the Eurostarbus 2005, where the people could verify and enlarge their knowledge of the EU through exhibitions and theatre plays. The media campaign in national and local media reached about 3 thousand people.

The activities reached directly about 16 000, and indirectly more than 3 million recipients.

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The celebration of Europe Day 2005 had as its central event the hoisting of the European Flag. This symbolic ceremony first took place in 1980.

2000 European flags

This year, the Spanish Federal Council of the European Movement and the FEMP (Spanish Federation of Municipalities and Provinces) contacted every municipality and province of Spain in order to encourage them to celebrate the most widespread hoisting. The result: the European Flag waved at more than 2000 places all over Spain.

A series of personalities participated in the celebration, presided by the Mayor of Madrid and the President of the EMI. The Commissioner Joaquín Almunia, the whole Madrid Council, and several members of the Spanish Parliament, the Spanish Senate and representatives of the European Parliament and the European Commission in Spain attended the central event in Madrid. The Madrid City Council and the Spanish Royal Navy Band collaborated in preparation of this event.

About 12 mass media groups covered the event, including the daily newspaper El País and the TV Channels Telemadrid and Popular TV/TMT.

An Essay Contest also took place on the 9th of May to encourage the involvement of the young people in the European Construction process. The European Forum for Debate among Youngsters participated in the organisation of this activity.

The involvement of the main mass-media and the political personalities in the events, as well as the participation of the high school students, was essential in the success of this Europe Day celebration.

The events reached directly an audience of thousands, and indirectly of over 2 million people.

Special thanks: Major of Madrid, Madrid City Council, Federación Española de Municipios y Provincias, Royal Navy Band.

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European Food tasting



Personalities attending the solemn hoisting of the European Flag



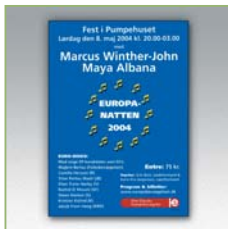
Speech of Mr. Gil-Robles, President of the EMI, in Madrid on the 9th of May



Christina Wahrolin and Johnny Bröndt



Johnny Bröndt



Europe Night Poster

Europe Day is one of the most important activities of the European Movement in Sweden.

Europe Day in Sweden

This year events took place in both Stockholm and Göteborg. The European of the Year award was presented in Stockholm and a European week was held in Göteborg. These activities were planned for the general public and everyone had an opportunity to participate.

The main event organised by EM Sweden was the European of the Year award 2005. A jury that consisted of many well-known Swedish personalities awarded Christina Wahrolin the prize following a vote. Christina Wahrolin is deputy President of the Swedish Association for Disabled and she was awarded the prize for her work for disabled people in Sweden and on a European level. As a result of the efforts of Christina Wahrolin, the Swedish movement for the disabled is one of the most respected in Europe.

A seminar was organised by the representation of the Commission in Sweden in Stockholm on the 10th of May and as part of this seminar, Christina Wahrolin was presented with her award. This seminar was attended by hundreds of people and was covered by both national and local media. Johnny Bröndt, President of Europarörelsen I Sverige, presented Christina Wahrolin with the award.

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European Movement Switzerland organized a Europe Day to raise public awareness for the 9th of May celebrations and the achievements of the European integration process.

Europe – challenge for federalism

The main activity EM Switzerland organised was the “European of the Year Award”. The jury consisted of representatives of the media, universities and politicians from all linguistic parts of Switzerland. In order to involve as many persons as possible, all members of EM Switzerland (about 5 000 people) were invited to nominate someone who merited the prize. The task of the jury was to select a laureate according to the objective criteria.

The award ceremony was held on 9th of May in the evening. First, the president of EM Switzerland, Yves Christen gave a speech on the importance of the Schuman declaration and the achievements of the European Union in relation to the development of Switzerland in the last half century.

According to the jury, the report “Europe – challenge for federalism” by the Conference of Cantonal governments was the most important contribution to the public debate on Europe in Switzerland in the last year. The prize was given to **Kathrin Hilber, Georg Hess, Markus Notter** and **Hans Martin Tschudi**, who were members of the working group “Eu-Ref-Ka” (Europe-Reforms-Cantons) of the conference of cantonal governments.

The ceremony was mainly attended by representatives of the media, cantonal governments and several members of the Swiss Parliament. The media coverage was extensive. More than 40 articles, which were published in all linguistic parts of the country, reached approximately 2, 65 million people.

Special thanks: Prof. Thomas Cottier, President of the jury, Joël Kuntz, Christa Markwalder Bär, Laura Sadis, Luzi Bernet and François Cherix, members of the jury.

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Public event on the 9th of May



Yves Christen
 (President of EM Switzerland)



The Award Ceremony



"Orange" Europe Day



Europe Day information stand



Festivities in Kiev

The European Movement Ukraine organized the Europe Day in Kiev in partnership with the Ministry of Foreign Affairs of Ukraine, the Kiev State Administration and the "Chaika" Municipal Festival.

Bringing Europe home

Khreshchatyk, Kiev's main street, was lined with tents manned by various Embassies of the EU member states and filled with throngs of people. EM Ukraine decorated their pavilion with blue and yellow balloons, which are the colours of the European Union and Ukrainian flags. Hundreds of thousands of fliers, posters and magazines concerning EU history and prospects of Ukraine's integration into the EU were distributed.

In addition to the pavilion there was also a stage where virtuoso folk musicians (from the conservatory) played, children's folk ensembles sang and danced, and all kinds of games and competitions with lavish prizes assembled huge crowds. On the other side of the pavilion there was a café presenting Ukrainian national food and drinks.

Furthermore, at another Europe Day complex location an ongoing question and answer discussion club took place for the media. It was organized by the Ministry of Foreign Affairs of Ukraine in cooperation with EM Ukraine. The participants in the discussion club, which lasted all day long, were well-known politicians, businessmen and NGO representatives. The subjects discussed were: the prospect of Ukraine's integration into EU, NATO and WTO, while President Yushchenko addressed the crowd from the main stage.

There was an audience of about 500 000 present, and, according to the advertising agency EuroRSCG-New Europe –an indirect audience of several millions was reached by media.

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