

Symbols of the EU

There are 4 official symbols that are used to represent the European Union (EU) and its values.

1

The European Flag



Made of **12 gold stars** against a **royal blue backdrop**.

It was officially adopted by EU leaders in **1985!**

Did you know?

The circle on the flag represents **unity, solidarity** and **harmony** between the **people of Europe!**

2

The European Anthem

Beethoven's melody "**Ode to Joy**" without any lyrics is used as the anthem of the EU.

The music was **composed in 1823** and **made the official anthem in 1985.**



The anthem doesn't have any words because it relies on the **language we can all understand; music!**

3

Europe Day

Held every year on **9th May**, which is the anniversary of the **Schuman declaration**, Europe Day is a celebration of the **peace, prosperity** and **unity** in the EU.



On **9th May 1950**, the **French foreign minister Robert Schuman** suggested creating an institution (organisation) of multiple **European countries to share their resources** and make trade easier. This created the European Coal and Steel Community (ECSC) which was **the first step towards the EU** we know today.

Did you know?

The Euro isn't an official symbol because it is not used by all 27 Member States

4

The motto

The phrase "**United in diversity**" was officially adopted in **2000**. It represents the **various cultures and identities** across Europe, as well as **unity between them** to create peace and prosperity. ”

