

# 9 May - Europe Day!

## What is Europe Day?

**Europe Day** is celebrated on **May 9th** each year to honor the anniversary of the **Schuman Declaration**.

This day highlights the commitment to unity, peace, and cooperation that led to the creation of the **European Union**.

### The Schuman Declaration

On **May 9th 1950**, Robert Schuman proposed the **European Coal and Steel Community**, to prevent future conflicts in Europe by pooling key industries and fostering economic cooperation.

Six countries answered Schuman's call: the **six founding countries of the EU** !



**Europe Day is one of the symbols of the European Union!**

### How the Schuman Declaration changed Europe?

→ **Economic cooperation:** Created the first supranational institution, promoting joint management of coal and steel;

→ **Peace and stability:** Aimed to prevent war between France and Germany and encourage broader European integration;

→ **Foundation for the EU:** Laid the groundwork for the development of the European Union and its subsequent institutions.

## Do you know which countries were the latest to join the European Union?



**Croatia** became a member on **July 1st 2013**, and **Bulgaria and Romania** joined on **January 1st 2007**.

The EU is actively engaging with several countries on its **waiting list**, working to expand its membership and strengthen cooperation across Europe.