

# Europe day



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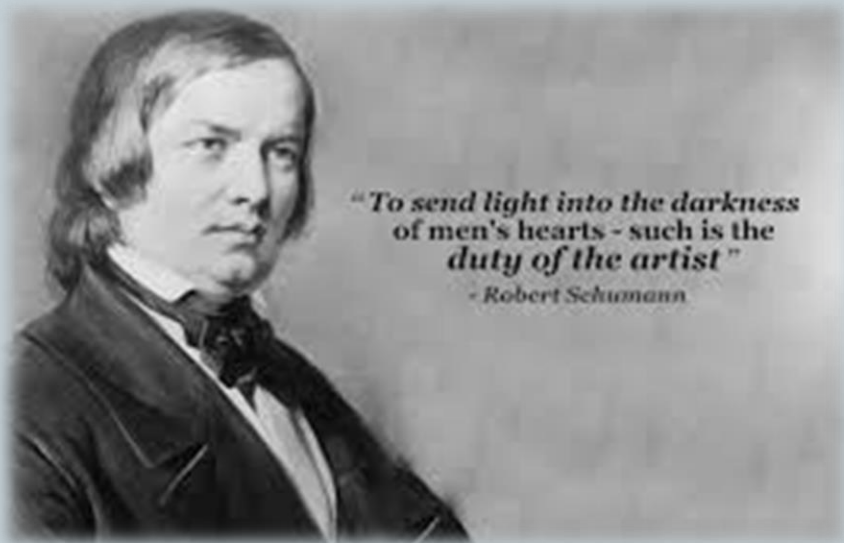


# History about this day...



Europe Day held on 9 May every year celebrates peace and unity in Europe. The date marks the anniversary of the historical 'Schuman declaration'. At a speech in Paris in 1950, Robert Schuman, the then French foreign minister, set out his idea for a new form of political cooperation in Europe, which would make war between Europe's nations unthinkable.

# Robert Schuman





To celebrate Europe Day, the EU institutions open their doors to the public in early May in Brussels and Strasbourg. Local EU offices in Europe and all over the world organise a variety of activities and events for all ages. Each year thousands of people take part in visits, debates, concerts and other events to mark the day and raise awareness about the EU.

His vision was to create a European institution that would pool and manage coal and steel production. A treaty creating such a body was signed just under a year later. Schuman's proposal is considered to be the beginning of what is now the European Union.



# Nowadays...



On 4 May 2019, Christos Stylianides, Member of the EC in charge of Humanitarian Aid and Crisis Management, participated in the Open Doors Day of the European Commission 2019, at the Berlaymont building, in Brussels. The annual Open Day is a unique opportunity for citizens to discover how the European institutions affect their life. Visitors can step inside the institutions' buildings and take part in special activities, such as public debates and guided tours. This video shows Christos Stylianides participating to the Open Doors Day.



