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‘Open Day’ at the Court of Justice of the European Union

8 May – Festival of Europe

60 years ago, on 9 May 1950, Robert Schuman presented his proposal for the organisation of Europe, which was vital to the maintenance of peaceful relations. That proposal, known as the ‘Schuman Declaration’, is considered to have marked the birth of the European Union.

Today, 9 May is celebrated as Europe Day by the 27 Member States. Just like the flag, the anthem, the motto and the single currency (the Euro), this day identifies the European Union as a political entity. On this occasion, activities are organised in the 27 countries of the Union.

In Luxembourg, the Festival of Europe will take place on 8 May on the Square of the Court of Justice, where various cultural programmes will run throughout the day. The Member States and the European institutions will be present on the Square to make it a real ‘European village’.

On the occasion of the Festival of Europe, the Court of Justice will open its doors to the general public from 10:00 to 18:00. During the day, the public will be able to visit the institution’s buildings and will also have the opportunity to look at what goes on behind the scenes. Although the Court is open to visitors throughout the year, this special occasion will allow citizens to visit symbolic areas such as, for example, the *Grande salle des délibérés* (Grand Conference Room), which offers a spectacular view over the city.

Visits to the buildings, by individuals or groups, will follow a route specially designed for this occasion, intended to explain how European justice functions. Guided tours will be organised throughout the day in French, English and German. If there are at least 10 persons interested, tours can also be organised in other official languages.

Please note that the Court’s underground car park (entrance from rue Charles Léon Hammes) will be open to visitors during the event.

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