



Court of Justice of the European Union

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Open Day at the Court of Justice of the European Union

Europe Day

On 9 May 1950, Robert Schuman presented his proposal for the creation of 'de facto solidarity' in the field of Franco-German coal and steel production, thus planting the seeds of a new organisation of Europe. That proposal, known as the 'Schuman Declaration', is regarded as the birth of the European Union.

9 May is now celebrated as 'Europe Day' by the 27 Member States. Like the flag, the anthem, the emblem and the single currency (the euro), this day identifies the EU as a political entity. For that occasion, activities are organised in all 27 countries of the European Union.

For Europe Day, the Court of Justice will open its doors to the general public on Saturday, 5 May, from 14:00 to 18:00. During that afternoon, it will be possible to visit the buildings of the institution and also to see behind the scenes. Although the Court is open to visitors all year round, this will be a chance for citizens to have access to symbolic locations such as, for example, the Judges' deliberation room which gives a spectacular view over the city of Luxembourg. Visitors will also be able to take a look at the works of art donated or loaned to the Court of Justice by the Member States.

Visits to the buildings, individually or in groups, will follow a route specially designed to explain how European justice works. Guided visits will be scheduled throughout the day or on request in the official languages of the European Union.

Please note that the Court's underground car park (entrance on rue Charles Léon Hammes) will be open to visitors for the duration of the event.

For more information, please consult the '[Europe Day](#)' page of our CURIA website.

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