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“United in Diversity” Poster Competition

The European Commission will launch a poster competition targeting secondary and high school students for Europe Day 2017. The European Commission, together with the Education Department, invites young people to participate in a poster competition on the theme of “United in Diversity,” the motto of the European Union. The launch of the competition will take place on Wednesday, 19 April 2017 from 11:30 – 12:30 at the EU Infopoint. Interested individuals may submit their posters until Tuesday, 16 May 2017 at 17:00. The competition will be open to the following categories: Category 1: Secondary school students, and Category 2: High school students.

"United in Diversity", the motto of the European Union, first came into use in 2000. It signifies how Europeans have come together, in the form of the EU, to work for peace and prosperity, while at the same time being enriched by the continents many different cultures, traditions and languages.

The competition prize ceremony will take place on the day of Europe Day Celebrations, Saturday, 20 May 2017 in Nicosia in Selimiye Square. First, second and third winners will be awarded a prize. The prizes are: Category 1: 1st Prize - Bicycle, 2nd Prize - Tablet, 3rd Prize - Art Set; Category 2: 1st Prize – Notebook, 2nd Prize – Tablet, 3rd Prize – Art Set.

Background:

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.

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.

Interested individuals can get more information on these events on the EU Infopoint Facebook page [f/abbilgi](https://www.facebook.com/abbilgi) or by contacting the EU Infopoint: info@abbilgi.eu, 228 2577 and 11A Hasene Ilgaz Sokak, Köşklüçiftlik Nicosia.

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