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“We are Celebrating Europe. # EU & ME”

The importance of uniting in diversity will be underlined during the Europe Day 2019 event at Selimiye Square, Nicosia on Saturday, 25 May 2019 from 10:00 to 13:00. As every year, the event is open to the public. At the event, information about EU countries, and various EU supported projects will be provided. The opening speeches will take place at 11:00.

The event will include live music performances, and various activities. Participants can obtain information about many EU countries. Additionally, several local NGOs, SMEs and technical assistance projects will showcase their own EU funded projects and share information.

This year’s event will host a program of cultural and artistic events including performances by Papageorgiou String Quartet, FOLKDER’s folk dance group, LBO Childrens’ Choir and Latin Orchestra and Studio 21 Hip Hop dance group. Children can enjoy a puppet show, face painting, and rock climbing.

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'. The Schuman Declaration states that "Europe will not be made in one go, nor through a comprehensive construction, it will be built by concrete realisations that will first create real solidarity." What began on 9th May 1950, the pooling of steel and coal between France and Germany has evolved into what we today know as the European Union. The European Union is built on the fundamental values of respect for human dignity, freedom, democracy, equality, the rule of law, and respect for human rights.

Interested individuals can get more information on this event 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 Street, Köşklüçiftlik Nicosia.

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