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Europe Day 2017 Celebrations: United in Diversity

The European Commission will mark the importance of unity during Europe Day 2017 celebrations at Selimiye Square, Nicosia on 20 May 2017 and at Namık Kemal Square on 10 June 2017 from 10:00 to 14:00. All members of the public are invited to take part. At the event information about EU MS, and various EU supported projects will be provided. The opening speeches will take place at 11:30. The event will include live music, dance performances, and various activities. This year's Europe Day event will be under the theme of "United in Diversity" celebrating the idea of many lands, cultures, and languages united as Europe.

Public will be able to obtain information about various EU countries such as Ireland, Poland, Finland, Sweden, Germany, France, Italy and Spain in Nicosia and Netherlands, Poland, Finland and France in Famagusta. In addition to this, several local NGOs and technical assistance projects will showcase their own EU funded projects and share information.

A diverse performance programme is planned for both events. In Nicosia, LTB Latin Orchestra, Hot Club of Cyprus, Nihan Görgü Trio, Colours Duo will give European latin, jazz, jazz manouche and pop music concerts and Yeni Erenkoy High School Dance Group, Studio 21 and Folkder will do modern, hiphop and folk dancing performances. In addition to this, HASDER Children's Choir will perform. In Famagusta Acoustic 4, Papageorgio String Quartet, Sublife and Eda Bingöl Orchestra will give European pop, rock and latin music concerts and Cyprus Dance Education Centre, Büyükkonuk/Komi Kebir Folk Dancing Group, Famagusta Folk Dancing Group will do modern, hiphop, folk dancing performances. In addition to this, DAU-SEM Ada Işığ Children's Choir will perform.

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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