



START PLANNING NOW for Europe Day 9 May 2019!

Useful tips:

1. Brainstorm ideas to involve the citizens.
 2. Build a coalition of willing people.
 3. Plan how to get citizens involved, and how to promote the activities working with local media and on social media.
 4. Involve local associations.
 5. Ensure the city administration is involved.
 6. Ensure there is clear leadership, from either a citizens' group, local associations, or the city administration.
 7. Think of ways to ensure the European dimension is present: with residents in your area originating from other European countries, or with guests invited to come from other European countries. If there is a university nearby, involve the Erasmus students.
 8. Team up with other towns in other countries.
 9. Think of activities that provide a good balance: fun, serious, remembrance, future. This can include food, culture, (simulation) games, political debates, educational activities, language lessons, history exhibitions, proposals for the future.
 10. Ensure there is something for all ages!
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Ideas for celebrations:

For cities

Guided tour of EU funded places

Activity

Organise a guided tour in your municipality of the places, which have received EU funding. Inform citizens about the functioning of the European Union and shared history.

Traces of European Culture in your city

Activity

Identify a location that has traces of European culture. For example, maybe your local park was designed by a French architect, or a local library and so on. Organise orienteering competitions, walking or bike tours and explore your city and notable areas that have European roots or influences.

European lesson at the local council

Activity

Organise an educational activity for citizens of all ages. Introduce participants to the work of the local council; connect with the European institutions, the role of EU, and importance of the EU membership. At the request of the visitors, organise a quiz or role-playing games.

Model European Union at the local council

Activity

Introduce citizens of all ages to the European Union by organising a simulation of the European Union's legislative process.

Knowledge Fair "Get to know the States of Europe"

Fair

Organise a fair that allows citizens to get to know the European Union as deeply as possible, provide national stands, mini-lessons, concerts. Introduce visitors to various aspects of the European Union.

Celebrating Europe!

Concert

A concert in the Old Town Square. Songs can be performed in various European languages; you can invite local dance groups representing various European dancing styles, rocket, flamenco, slow waltz and others. Invite local school pupils to put a map of Europe (which they can make themselves) and colour the European Countries with coloured crayons.

For schools

European Union Week

Exhibition

A school can host an information exhibition on the history of the EU, its goals, the institutions and its symbols. Slides, pictures and videos can be shown all week. An exhibition of publications on the European Union can take place in the school library. On May 9 you can host a game of EU capitals, winners can be awarded with sweet gifts. On that day during breaks, you can play EU hymn and music from EU countries in their national languages.

An interactive tour of European cultural heritage objects

Activity

Each class can present a selected EU cultural heritage object (song, dance, presentation, acting, photos, postcards, magnets). Winners are awarded prizes and sweet gifts.

We can know Europe by playing!

Games

During breaks, pupils are offered table games and online games. A list of potential games can be found [here](#).

Creative Workshops "Flags of the European Union"

Workshop

Organise a workshop and familiarise pupils with the flags of the European Union and the Member States. Organise quiz and present pupils with sweet gifts.

For citizens

Europe today: challenges and opportunities

Discussion

Organise a local discussion on the future of Europe. Invite a Member of European Parliament, local councillor and/or representatives from public and various other organisations. Invite a journalist to moderate the discussion.

Culinary delights of Europe (with friends)

Activity

Host a dinner party or outdoor public event with delights from European countries.

Erasmus students

Activity

Invite Erasmus students to give a presentation about their country or city of origin, or prepare a dish from their region.