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## **Press Release**

### **European Movement's 9<sup>th</sup> of May 2005 – Europe Day**

After three years of successfully celebrating the 9<sup>th</sup> of May - Europe Day, the European Movement International has once again organised this year's festivities.

This year a large number of activities were organized by the EMI in association with its 21 National Councils and member organizations in 27 different countries across Europe. In this way, the European Movement International is consolidating and extending the tradition of celebrating the Europe Day to commemorate the Robert Schuman Declaration.

As usual, the distinctive formula for the 'Festival of Europe' covers all aspects of society (cultural themes, pedagogical aspects, political highlights, the 'European Contribution of the Year Award' and Street actions).

Apart from the traditional events organised during the Europe Day celebrations (info-stands, debates and conferences, lectures, seminars and workshops or radio and TV programs), this year's events incorporated some new and innovative activities. These new activities included concerts, an international bicycle rally, a Eurotram, interactive exhibition, a 'street ball' and a 'Fostering European citizenship' event. Furthermore, student and children activities were organised in order to make young people more aware of the European construction initiative.

The goal of all the activities has been to reach as many people as possible. This objective was attained thanks to widespread media coverage, which included substantial exposure in major daily newspapers at both the regional and national level and the coverage of several debates on radio and television.

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