

FAMOUS EVENTS: What happened on ... ?

Was ist am 5. Mai 1949 geschehen?

Was ist am 9. Mai 1950 geschehen?

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9 May = #EuropeDay, marking the anniversary of the 1950 Schuman Declaration

How do we celebrate – and who celebrates?

The May 9 Europe Day, also known as Schuman Day for obvious reasons, is celebrated across member states of the EU and in candidate countries such as Turkey, Albania and Serbia, among others.

There will be official events organised to remember great achievements made with the coming together of Europe, from jobs and prosperity to peace.

Should I be doing anything special tonight...?

It's mostly a political celebration, so most of the goings-on will be cultural events organised by governments. However, if you do fancy celebrating all things Europe, you go on with your bad self.

So what else goes on?

The European Commission fittingly marked #EuropeDay on Twitter by posting the original footage of Robert Schuman's declaration:

They accompanied it with the caption: 'L'Europe ne se fera pas d'un coup, ni dans une construction d'ensemble. Elle se fera par des réalisations concrètes créant d'abord une solidarité de fait,' which basically means something along the lines of 'Rome wasn't built in a day'.

What do the people think?

Some people are tweeting positive messages to celebrate the day – and, in this climate of uncertainty for the EU and Britain's place within it – to remind us how important our European Union is.