

an diesem Tag in der Geschichte (This Week in History)

Was ist am 25. März 1957 geschehen? (What happened on ... ?)

## Thousands of Berliners, Brits march in anti-Brexit protest

25 March 2017



The Berlin March for Europe protest.

**On the 60th anniversary of the start of the European Union, at least 3,500 demonstrators in Berlin joined an international protest to show their opposition to the UK leaving its member states behind.**

As British Prime Minister Theresa May prepares to trigger Article 50 next week, setting into motion negotiations for an EU without the UK, thousands in Berlin and other major cities took to the streets on Saturday, marking 60 years since the Treaties of Rome laid the foundations for the modern-day Union.

Brexit has been largely viewed as unpopular in Germany even before the referendum vote last summer, with a poll in early June showing that [nearly 80 percent of Germans wanted their British allies to remain in the Union](#). A survey conducted after the vote showed that 70 percent of Germans [felt the Union was good for their country](#), both economically and for security.

So it perhaps was not surprising on Saturday that the crowd in Berlin - which reached at least 3,500 people, according to police - appeared to be predominantly made up of Germans from all walks of life.