Europe Day: discover the European Union on the occasion of 9 May 2021

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The Europe Day (9 May) this year, the EU institutions are throwing open their 'virtual' doors so that citizens across Member States can find out more about the European Union and what it does despite the pandemic. The European Committee of the Regions (CoR) will publish animated video about its premises, role and functioning. An 'all EU-institution' Europe Day portal presents the various bodies and activities. By hovering over a country on the portal's interactive map, visitors will be able to find out what is going on close to them. Citizens will also be able to visit and interact with the EU institutions, such as the European Parliament, Council, the Commission and the European External Action Service. A virtual, immersive space will allow citizens to play games online, watch engaging videos and test their knowledge on the EU in general, as well as on themes related to a green and digital Europe. In this respect the CoR will let people test their knowledge about European regions and cities through a photo quiz on Instagram.

With a click, users can take part in online debates on EU topics and explore other online events. Through this portal and the recently launched <u>multilingual digital platform</u> for the Conference of the Future of Europe, citizens can engage with the EU and help shape its future. The Conference on the Future of Europe will also be officially launched on 9 May, at an online/hybrid event in Strasbourg. Citizens of all generations across Europe and the world are invited to join this unique Europe Day experience. For general information on Europe Day and the Schuman Declaration of 9 May 1950 please see here.

For information on CoR activities, see here.