

# [Press release – European Parliament opens its doors online to mark Europe Day](#)



Due to the current circumstances, the annual open-door event of the European institutions, that each year brings tens of thousands of citizens to the premises of the European Parliament, has been turned into a digital open day. A series of online events and exhibitions are organised around the theme of solidarity and EU action to confront the pandemic and its economic consequences.

Amongst the highlights of the day will be the meeting on Saturday morning between [President Sassoli](#) (S&D, IT) and organisations working for solidarity in Europe. Under the title “The courage to act: Schuman’s lesson 70 years on”, the President will give the floor to a range of organisations working on the front line to deal with the consequences of the crisis.

Later in the morning, the Parliament’s two Vice-Presidents for communication, [Othmar Karas](#) (EPP, AT) and [Katarina Barley](#) (S&D, DE), will participate in a Live debate, open to questions from the public, and there will be video statements by most of the chairs of the political groups. Several committee chairs will also answer questions on the EU’s response to the pandemic.

The event will be interpreted simultaneously in eight languages.

[Statement](#) by European Parliament’s President and leaders of political groups on the Schuman Declaration anniversary (9 May)

You can also enjoy an [online exhibition](#), featuring items from the Parliament’s archives.

Follow Parliament’s all-day [Facebook event](#) and check the European

Parliament's website.

Visuals: [Schuman Declaration 9 May 1950](#)