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MORE WAYS TO VISIT THE EUROPEAN PARLIAMENT NEWSLETTER, WINTER 2021

The winds of change are in the air with new ways to visit, both in-person and online. Now is even a good opportunity to (re-)visit with new temporary exhibitions opening in the European Parliament, in Brussels and Strasbourg. In the Parliamentarium, learn more about [Andrei Sakharov](#), his legacy as a dissident, scientist, and human rights activist; while the exhibition in Strasbourg explores the life of [Louise Weiss](#), a committed European. But safety first: in line with national guidelines in Belgium and France, visitors will be asked to present their EU Digital COVID Certificate when entering the European Parliament's premises. For more information about what you can visit and the safety measures in place, [visit our website](#).

NEWS, BRUSSELS

Fake for Real - extended until February 2022

Visitors now have three more months to explore this fascinating temporary exhibition at the House of European History. Fake For Real explores the history of forgery and fake news from antiquity to the present. Learn how falsified data,



media and products have been used to advance careers, increase political power and target consumers throughout history. Entrance is free but [visits must be booked online in advance](#). For those who can't visit in person, the curators of the exhibition have put together a [virtual visit on Youtube](#). And for those who want to dive deeper into the contemporary world of fake news and disinformation, check out the [recordings of the Flamboyant Fake lecture series](#) and [Between Truth and Trust panel debates](#).

NEWS



International Forum of Parliament Visitors' Centres

On 18-19 November, the European Parliament, along with the US Capital Visitors Centre, hosted the fourth International Forum of Parliament Visitors Centres. Online for the first time, over 80 representatives from 29 parliamentary visitors' centres discussed their response to the Covid-19 pandemic and shared best practices with colleagues from around the world.

NEWS

Berlin Wall restoration

The European Parliament has been working to restore two pieces of the Berlin Wall close to the EP campus in Brussels. The original segments, currently located in Park Leopold and on Rue Wiertz, have been restored and enclosed in a protective casing. They will stand next to the visitors entrance of the Hemicycle in Brussels as a reminder of Europe's recent divided



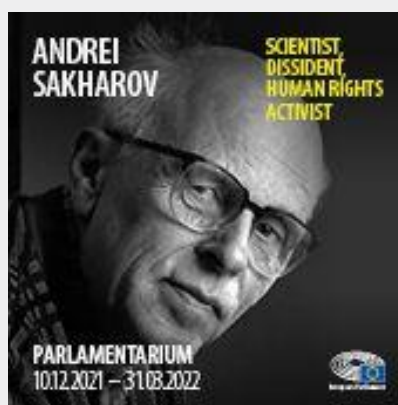
past, and serve as a symbol of the importance of unity over division. The project has been realised in collaboration with the owners of the pieces: the Belgian State and Brussels Capital Region. [Learn more.](#)

EXHIBITIONS



Louise Weiss
A committed European

The exhibition “Louise Weiss: a committed European” tells the story of a woman who pioneered the European idea. Louise Weiss had an extraordinary life: as a campaigner, journalist, filmmaker, writer and Parliamentarian, she was a witness to several tumultuous changes in twentieth-century Europe. [Discover the exhibition online](#) or in Strasbourg. The temporary exhibition in the Louise Weiss building in Strasbourg can be found on level -1 of the visitor circuit.



Andrei Sakharov
Scientist, dissident, human rights activist

Each year, the European Parliament awards the “Sakharov Prize for Freedom of Thought”* named after the Soviet scientist, dissident and Nobel Peace Prize laureate Andrei Sakharov (1921-1989). Learn more about Andrei Sakharov, his life and legacy with the [new temporary exhibition at the Parliamentarium](#), opening on 10 December in Brussels. [*The 2021 Sakharov Prize for Freedom of Thought](#) has been awarded to Russian opposition politician and anti-corruption activist Alexei Navalny.

FLASH INFO

The popular EP Walking Tours around the European Quarter have ended for 2021: over 1.075 citizens took part in the activity since the launch in May. The [walking tours](#) will return in Spring 2022.

[Euroscola online](#) is back: almost 5000 students from 165 schools in Europe took part in the first two virtual sessions of the season, livestreamed from the Hemicycle in Strasbourg. The European Parliament's flagship event for schools allows students to step into the shoes of an MEP for a day and debate pressing issues with fellow European students as well as experts and MEPs.

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Registrations open for the Economic and Social Committee annual event for young people



The [13th edition of "Your Europe, Your Say!"](#) been launched. The EESC's annual youth event will take place remotely on 31 March-1 April 2022. Selected schools from each of the 27 Member States of the European Union (EU) and the five candidate countries for EU accession will discuss the topic "The Truth about Lies. Youth challenging Disinformation". [Applications are open till 2 December.](#) Spread the news by encouraging schools in your country to take part!

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