



### NEWS AND EVENTS FROM VISIT EUROPEAN PARLIAMENT

In July, the European Parliament will inaugurate a new space visitors stakeholders and civil society actors.

### **NEWS**

## Visit the new Info Hub and temporary exhibition "ICONIC"

On 13 July, a brand new facility for visitors will open on the Esplanade Solidarność 1980 in Brussels. The new Info Hub will provide a space to dive deeper into the world of the European Parliament and attend topical events, visit thought-provoking exhibitions and find research material. The Info Hub will also host a brand new temporary exhibition "ICONIC" by World Press Photos. Focusing on press freedom, the exhibition will showcase a selection of previous winners of the "World Press Photo of the Year" competition. A side programme of events (such as guided



tours of the exhibition and talks with the photographers) is also planned over the course of the exhibition. The exhibition will run for 6 months until mid-January 2023.

### NEWS

## The Citizens' Garden: a space for nature and culture in the European Quarter



The Citizens' Garden opened to the public in 2020 as a space where culture and nature meet in the heart of the European Quarter. Located in the grounds of the former residence and studio of the 19th century artist Antoine Wiertz, the European Parliament has helped to preserve Brussels' heritage by restoring the garden. Discover the fascinating story with the documentary "The Citizens' Garden: a place to dream". During the summer season, the garden hosts a rich cultural programme, with concerts in the evenings and literary events at lunchtimes planned in July. Find out more in the events section below.

### **NEWS**

## Discover the Jean Monnet House and garden

Did you know that the idea of Europe was born in a small house in Île-de-France? This house belonged to Jean Monnet, one of the architects of the European Union, and has since been transformed into a museum where visitors can learn about his life and legacy. This summer, the Jean Monnet House museum is hosting a series of outdoor



cultural events. <u>Discover the full programme on the Jean</u>
Monnet House website.

## **NEWS**

# Travelling around Europe this summer? Add Europa Experience to your bucket list!



Citizens no longer have to travel to Brussels or Strasbourg to experience a visit to the European Parliament. After Berlin, Copenhagen, Helsinki, Ljubljana and Tallinn, Paris is the next city to host a Europa Experience. These interactive exhibition centres give visitors the chance to dive into the world of the European Parliament with cutting-edge multimedia tools, and features such as a 360° cinema and an interactive role-play game for groups. All visits to Europa Experiences are free of charge and available in all 24 official European Union languages. Visit the website to learn more.

### **EVENTS**



5, 7, 12 and 14 July, 12:30-13:30



1-15 July, 18:00-18:30

## Summer readings in the Citizens' Garden

Discover European literature on your lunch break! On 5 July, Belgian author Lize Spit will read from her novel *The Melting*, while on 7 July, discover what happens when music and literature meet during the performance of a "dialogue between a novel and a violin" (in French). On 12 July, Ukraine's leading public intellectual Oksana Zabuzhko will read from her short stories collection and on 14 July, dive into the dystopian world of Czech novel *The Lake* with EU Prize for Literature winner Bianca Bellová. Find out more on our website.

### Citizens' Garden music concerts

The free concerts in the Citizens' Garden are back! In July, every weekday evening at 6pm, you can find performances from local ensembles and world-renowned musicians, such as Mischa Maisky, in a serene outdoor setting. From classical to opera, jazz and world, there is something for everybody to enjoy. The concerts will take a break from 15 July and commence again at lunchtimes in September. Find the full programme on our website and check out the Visit European Parliament Facebook page for the latest updates.



19 July, 18:00-19:30
Envisioning Europe final lecture

The final online lecture in the "Envisioning Europe" series from the House of European History will take place on 19 July. Professor Kalypso Nicolaïdis will offer her own



Tuesdays, 12:15-13:00 Lunch tours

Fancy a culture sandwich? Lunch time tours are back in the House of European History. Every Tuesday, guides will take you on a curated tour through the museum's

lessons from the broad topics of the Conference on the Future of Europe, from climate change, rule of law, migration, to the EU's role in the world. Pre-register for "The future of Europe via its history and mythology", or re-watch the previous lectures on the House of European History YouTube channel.

permanent collection. Get ready to take a trip back in time with travel and holiday themed tours in July and August. No booking needed, just turn up. Check out the agenda to find a topic that interests you.

## FLASH INFO

<u>Together.eu</u> is the place to connect, debate, and act for democracy in Europe. <u>Sign up</u> <u>today</u> to join events organised across Europe, meet fellow Europeans and keep up to date with the latest news from the European Parliament.

Outdoor walking tours return for the summer season: Every Sunday, free walking tours allow visitors to discover the European Parliament Brussels' campus, but also the space's green spaces, its art, history and architectural gems. Tours are available in English, French, Dutch and German and last roughly 90 minutes. Booking in advance is recommended.

### WHAT'S NEW AT OTHER EUROPEAN INSTITUTIONS?

## **Come and visit Experience Europe**



Located at Schuman roundabout in Brussels, Experience Europe is the new, permanent exhibition where you can find out about the European Commission's core work, priorities and policies in a playful and interactive environment. Entrance free, open seven days a week.

Experience Europe.



## Come meet the European Commission

Groups wishing to learn about the role of the European Commission, and how it impacts their lives, can discuss directly with Commission staff, in Brussels, or virtually. Find out more about a topic of interest to you! Request a visit.

#### **Visit the Council of the EU**



Come and explore the Council's Visitors' Centre or join us for an expert-led guided tour of the emblematic Europa building, the main seat of the Council! Register here. Would you like to discuss the work of the Council with an expert during a tailored information session?

Book your visit now! Admission is free of charge.

## Would you like to visit the house of EU civil society in Brussels?



Onsite visits will resume as of September. However, the European Economic and Social Committee launched a 360-degree virtual tour of its premises, for those of you who cannot make it to Brussels. Do not miss the chance to discover it - click and follow the arrows to take the virtual tour!

#### Discover a virtual video exhibition from the EESC



The European Economic and Social Committee presents the "Voices of Violence" a virtual video exhibition by the Danish Culture Institute. The cultural event is focused on gender based violence and linked to the SOC/726 opinion, highlighting the work done by the EESC in the field.