



# Visit the European Parliament

September 2022



The summer holidays may be over, but the discoveries do not have to end. Visit the new Info Hub in Brussels where you can engage in a dialogue on the European Union and democracy, attend a short policy talk, or sit and read about the latest news from the European Parliament. Don't miss [the opening event of the ICONIC exhibition](#) – and its event series – with World Press Photo winning photographers on 22 September. Or, dive into European culture with events in [Brussels](#) and [Strasbourg](#) during the European Heritage Days.

## NEWS

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### [Visit the new Info Hub and ICONIC temporary exhibition](#)

"ICONIC - defending freedom and democracy since 1955" is an exhibition curated especially for the European Parliament, by the World Press Photo foundation. This exhibition presents 19 photos that have won the "World Press Photo of the Year" competition since 1955. Each photo begs us reflect on how an iconic image contributes to defend democracy and reminds us that many problems we are facing today, we have faced before. The exhibition



runs until January 2023 in [the new Info Hub](#) on the Esplanade Solidarność 1980 in Brussels. [Sign up to attend the opening event](#) with award-winning photographers (see Events section below), or [join a guided tour](#).

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### Attend a plenary session in the European Parliament in Strasbourg



Anybody can watch European democracy in action! Members of the European Parliament meet up to 12 times a year in Strasbourg to debate and pass laws during a plenary session. Visitors can attend these sessions and follow the debate from the gallery. Groups of 10-100 people can book a visit including an interactive presentation by a European Parliament staff member. No booking is needed for individual visitors but group visits should be booked 2-3 months in advance. [Book your visit here](#).

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### Europa Experiences

After Berlin, Copenhagen, Helsinki, Ljubljana and Tallinn, Paris is the newest city to host a Europa Experience. These interactive exhibition centres give visitors the chance to dive into the world of the European Union 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 the 24 official European Union languages. [Visit the website](#) to learn more.

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



The Citizens' Garden, located in the grounds of the former residence and studio of the artist Antoine Wiertz, was opened to the public in 2020 thanks to investment and renovation by the European Parliament. Discover this piece of Brussels heritage through a child's eyes with the documentary ["The Citizens' Garden: a place to dream"](#). In September, the garden hosts a rich cultural programme, with [concerts on weekdays](#) as well as literary events and performances. Until October 29, see the artwork *One Day more* by Ukrainian artist Yevgenia Belorusetz. Find out more in the Events section below.

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### European Quarter Explorer: a self-guided visit in Brussels

The new European Quarter Explorer is a web-based application that guides visitors around the European neighbourhood in 24 languages, 365 days a year. Visitors can choose a self-guided visit or challenge themselves to solve a mystery on a gamified tour. Visits last 60-120



minutes. No download is required, only your phone, headphones, and internet connection. Scan the QR codes next time you are on Place Lux, or [save this link!](#)

## EVENTS

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17-18 September, 09:30-19:00  
[Heritage Days in Belgium](#)

The European Parliament is proud to once again take part in the European Heritage Days and join in telling the story of Brussels. During the two days, you can visit the Hemicycle with a Hemicycle talk, or go on a walking tour of the European Parliament campus. As part of the city-wide theme "[Traces of colonisation](#)", the House of European History invites you on a guided tour to discover fragments of history about Europe's colonial past. [More info.](#)



17-18 September, 10:00-18:00  
[Heritage Days in France](#)

This year, the European Parliament celebrates European heritage in Strasbourg and its own 70th anniversary. To mark the occasion, Parliament is hosting the prestigious "[Bibliothèques idéales](#)" festival. Seize the opportunity to meet renowned writers such as Amélie Nothomb, Emmanuel Carrere and Frédérique Neau-Dufour. [No registration needed.](#) In Île-de-France, the Jean Monnet House will offer guided tours, a virtual escape game, and an outdoor exhibition. [No registration needed.](#)



22 September, 15:00-16:00  
[ICONIC series – inaugural event](#)

What makes a photo iconic? How can photos contribute to defending democracy? These are the questions two award-winning photojournalists will tackle during the opening event of the ICONIC exhibition. Jodi Bieber and Pietro Masturzo have both been awarded "World Press Photo of the Year", and their award winning photos are on display in the ICONIC exhibition in the Info Hub in Brussels. Join us on 22 September and ask your questions. Due to the limited number of seats available, [registration is mandatory.](#)



24 September, 10:00-18:00  
[Multilingualism Day](#)

Multilingualism Day is your opportunity to peek behind the scenes of the world's most multilingual parliament and see how the European Parliament works in 24 languages! Meet interpreters and translators and learn about their work on a visit to the Hemicycle in Brussels. Or take a look at the history of languages in Europe on a tour at the House of European History, through anecdotes and objects in the exhibition, and discover how languages have shaped the continent's rich diversity. [Registration.](#)



5-23 September, 13:00-13:30  
[Concerts in the Citizens' Garden](#)

The popular concerts in the heart of the European Quarter are back until 23 September. Weekdays at lunchtime, take a moment to relax and immerse yourself in the peaceful sounds of classical music in a green setting. [Discover the full line-up on our website](#) and [follow the Facebook event](#) for updates.



26 September, 17:30-19:00  
[TRANSPoesie](#)

The annual TRANSPoesie poetry festival brings European literary talent to Brussels, in association with national institutes for culture. This year, the European Parliament Citizens' Garden will host the first night of the festival with poetry readings and discussions from 6 European poets. [No registration needed.](#)

## FLASH INFO

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[Together.eu](#) is the place to connect, debate, and act for democracy in Europe. [Sign up](#) today to join events organised across Europe, meet fellow Europeans and keep up to date with the latest news from the European Parliament.

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Get another perspective on Europe with the House of European History. Subscribe to the House of European History's [YouTube channel](#) to watch interviews with some of Europe's leading intellectuals, artists, and academics.

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Another successful season of European Parliament walking tours is coming to a close. Every Sunday, visitors can take a tour of the European Parliament campus and learn more about the area's history, artworks and architecture. [Don't miss out before the tours finish up for winter.](#)

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The second edition of [Park Leopold Day](#) took place on 10 September. The European Parliament Hemicycle, House of European History, Wiertz Museum, Natural Sciences Museum, KULT XL Ateliers and Solvay Library opened their doors to welcome visitors for a community event, and finished off the day with performances in the Citizens' Garden.

## WHAT'S NEW AT OTHER EUROPEAN INSTITUTIONS

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### **To learn more about the EU... 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 is free, seven days a week.

[Experience Europe.](#)

### **Discover how the European Commission impacts your business**



Civil society groups, business representatives or anyone wishing to learn more about the European Commission and the priorities of the von der Leyen Commission - can discuss directly with Commission staff, in Brussels, or virtually. Find out more about how specific policies impact your business! [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!](#) Entrance is free.

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



Onsite visits resume in September, but for those of you who cannot make it to Brussels, the European Economic and Social Committee launched a 360° virtual tour of its premises, Don't miss the chance to discover it – [click and follow the arrows to take the virtual tour!](#)

### Visitors back again in the Committee of the Regions



Physical visits are possible once again in the European Committee of the Regions. [Visit the website](#) for more information. The Committee of the Regions also organises virtual visits via Teams or any other platform. Please request your visit as early as possible (preferably two months in advance) to make sure that a room and a speaker are available.