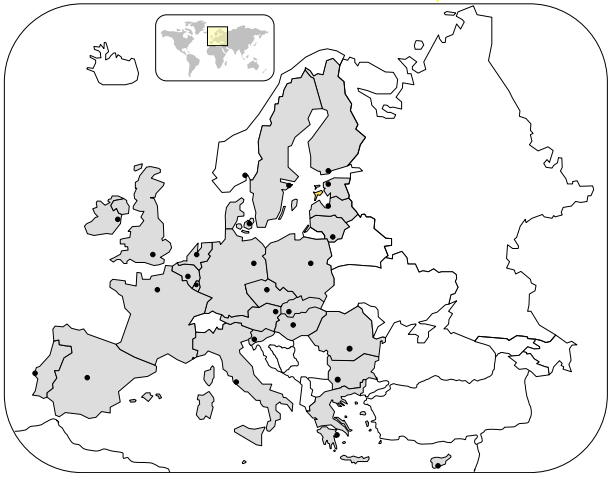
Everything, therefore, began that day. That is why during the Milan Summit of EU leaders in 1985 it was decided to celebrate 9 May as ***"Europe Day"***.

In 1951 they united 6 European countries and in 2007 already are 27 the States that have been united in peace, solidarity and mutual cooperation.

Austria, Belgium, Bulgaria, Cyprus, Czech Republic, Denmark, Estonia, Finland, France, Germany, Greece, Hungary, Ireland, Italy, Latvia, Lithuania, Luxembourg, Malta, Netherlands, Poland, Portugal, Romania, Slovakia, Slovenia, Spain, Sweden, United Kingdom



Of the idea of uniting Europe to the European Union

Before becoming a real political objective, the idea of uniting Europe was just a dream in the minds of philosophers and visionaries.

However, a new kind of hope emerged from the rubble of World War Two. People who had resisted totalitarianism during the war were determined to put an end to international hatred and rivalry in Europe and create the conditions for lasting peace. Between 1945 and 1950, a handful of courageous statesmen including **Robert Schuman**, **Konrad Adenauer**, **Alcide de Gasperi** and **Winston Churchill** set about persuading their peoples to enter a new era. New structures would be created in western Europe, based on shared interests and founded upon treaties guaranteeing the rule of law and equality between all countries.

This audacious and generous idea was seen crowned by the success. Was the beginning of more than half century of peaceful cooperation among the member States of the European Communities.

EUROPEAN UNION
Ten historic steps

1951: The European Coal and Steel Community is established by the six founding members
1957: ***The Treaty of Rome*** establishes a common market
1973: The Community expands to nine member states and develops its common policies
1979: The first direct elections to the European Parliament
1981: The first Mediterranean enlargement
1993: Completion of the single market
1993: ***The Treaty of Maastricht*** establishes the European Union
1995 : The EU expands to 15 members
2002: Euro notes and coins are introduced
2004: Ten more countries join the Union
2007: Two more countries join the Union: Bulgaria and ¡*Romania*!

These treaties have created among the member States some narrow legal bonds. The European Union generates for itself a legislation that applies directly the European citizens and creates some specific rights in favor of these.

"Europe in 12 lessons" for *Pascal Fontaine*
http://europa.eu/abc/12lessons/index_en.htm

“ION HELIADE RĂDULESCU” HIGHSCHOOL, Târgoviște, Romania

The mentalities, the languages, the habits, the traditional songs and costumes are proofs for the differences between us.

In spite of these, the culture’s intercommunication is a bridge between peoples.

Let’s make it strong and beautiful!

COLLEGE DU GIRBET, Saverdun, France :

«Europe cannot behave like a fortress besieged, defended and isolated from outside. The Union must be open, influential, able to ensure the historical responsibilities towards the world. »

Mario Soares, speech of May 9th 1998, Congress of Europeans, The Hague.

INSTITUTO DE EDUCACIÓN SECUNDARIA “RAMÓN CARANDE”, Jerez de los Caballeros, Spain

Message for you:

“Europe will not be made all at once, or according to a single plan. It will be built through concrete achievements which first create a de facto solidarity”.

Declaration of May 9th1950
Robert Schumann

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