

## The EUIPO commemorates Europe Day with a solidarity concert

- The concert will take place at ADDA on Sunday 8 May at 12:00. Invitations can be obtained at [www.conciertoeuropa.eu](http://www.conciertoeuropa.eu)
- Several Ukrainian families will attend the event, in which donations will also be collected for any help needed through Red Cross Alicante
- The castle and several key buildings in Alicante will be illuminated in blue throughout the night of 8 to 9 May

Every year, the institutions of the European Union pay tribute to Europe Day. This day marks the anniversary of the 'Schuman Declaration' of May 1950, in which the French Minister whom the Declaration is named after, Robert Schuman, set out his idea of a new form of cooperation to secure peace in Europe and proposed the creation of the European Coal and Steel Community, thus laying the foundations for what is now the European Union.

This year, in which the spirit of peace and solidarity are of particular importance in the current context, the [European Union Intellectual Property Office](http://www.euiipo.eu) (EUIPO) has organised several activities in the city of Alicante to celebrate Europe Day.

After a two-year break due to the pandemic, on **Sunday 8 May, from 12.00 to 13.00**, the EUIPO will again hold its traditional Europe Day concert at the Auditorium of the Provincial Council of Alicante (ADDA), featuring Gustav Holst's orchestral work 'The Planets'. The concert will be performed by the ADDA Simfònica orchestra, conducted by its music director, Josep Vicent, and will include the special collaboration of the Amici Musicae choir. Tickets are free of charge and can be obtained at [www.conciertoeuropa.eu](http://www.conciertoeuropa.eu) (limited tickets available).

On this occasion, thanks to the participation of Solcir – Círculo de Solidaridad and the Alicante Red Cross, concert invitations have been extended to a group of Ukrainian citizens living in the province, who have mobilised to help the refugees arriving in Alicante. Solcir, a charity organisation which staff members of the EUIPO manage on a voluntary basis, will be collecting donations to go towards helping refugees in the ADDA lobby, in close collaboration with the Alicante Red Cross.

In addition, as in previous years, some of the most iconic buildings in the city of Alicante, such as **Santa Barbara Castle, the Plaza de los Luceros fountain, the Palace of the Provincial Council of Alicante** and, for the first time this year, **Casa del Mediterráneo** and the **EUIPO façade**, will be illuminated in blue, the colour of the European flag, throughout the night of Sunday 8 to Monday 9 May.



On this landmark date, the Executive Director of the EUIPO, **Christian Archambeau**, commented:

*“The word peace was the protagonist on that 9 May 1950. Since those days we have come a long way, the European Union and its policies touch almost every area of our lives, and that goal of solidarity that was at the heart of our Union is more alive today than ever. This solidarity has allowed us to face major challenges, such as the COVID-19 pandemic and, more recently, the arrival of the spectre of war, which has provoked an unprecedented outburst of solidarity across Europe.”*

una plataforma en la que los ciudadanos de la UE han tenido un papel central en el debate sobre los retos y prioridades de Europa. El informe final de la Conferencia se presentará el 9 de mayo en Estrasburgo.

In addition to the EU's solidarity actions with Ukraine, 2022 is the [European Year of Youth](#), an initiative that highlights the importance of European youth to build a better future – greener, more inclusive and digital. This edition of Europe Day also coincides with the closing of the [‘Conference on the Future of Europe’](#), a platform where a citizen-led series of debates have played a central role in the challenges and priorities of the future EU. The final report of the Conference will be presented on 9 May in Strasbourg.

## History of a Union

The EU was founded after the Second World War, with the aim of boosting economic and political cooperation. [The founders](#) worked to end the horrors of two world wars and to promote peace and solidarity. In 1958, Germany, Belgium, France, Italy, Luxembourg and the Netherlands established the European Economic Community (EEC). Since then, the history of the European Union has been through great developments and has incorporated a wide range of common policies. With a territory of 4 million km<sup>2</sup> and a population of nearly 450 million inhabitants, the EU is one of the world's leading economies. Spain joined the EU in 1986; the EUIPO is one of the five decentralised EU agencies in the country, opening in Alicante in 1994.

[More information on Europe Day – #EuropeDay.](#)

## ABOUT THE EUIPO

The [EUIPO](#) is one of the largest decentralised agencies of the EU, based in Alicante, Spain. Ranked as the [most innovative intellectual property office in the world](#) in 2021, the EUIPO manages the registration of the European Union trade mark (EUTM) and the registered Community design (RCD), both of which provide intellectual property protection in all EU Member States. It also carries out cooperation activities with the national and regional intellectual property offices of the EU and hosts the [European Observatory on Infringements of Intellectual Property Rights](#).





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