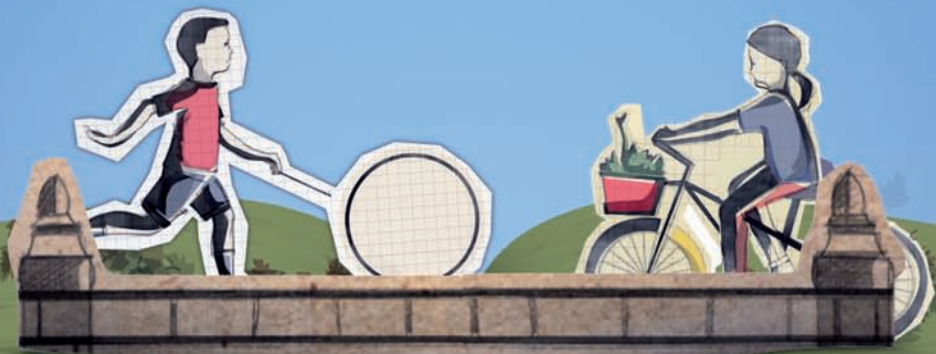




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SHARING BORDERS, GROWING CLOSER



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European Cooperation Day

European Cooperation Day is **21 September 2012** and will be celebrated all over Europe and in neighbouring countries!

Join us in celebrating the achievements of European Territorial Cooperation in your region.

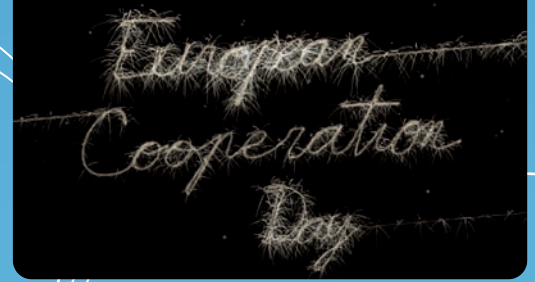
Events will be taking place during the week of **17-23 September**.

Join in on the fun – share borders, grow closer!



"The building of a bridge that connects my small town to another across the border has allowed me to meet new people, explore different cultures and even find job opportunities."

Chris, 23



Why celebrate?

Remember what life was like in Europe before countries started working together? If you do, you can surely see what amazing benefits cooperation has brought to the everyday lives of European citizens. Cooperation projects save time, money, and even lives. Cooperation also builds a sense of community that translates to better working relations across borders and increases cultural understanding among European people and their neighbours.

What's not to celebrate?

Join European Cooperation Day!

Want to see what will be happening in your area?

Log on to www.ecday.eu for an interactive map of events!



● This is what European Territorial Cooperation is about!



Two cities build a bridge to connect their citizens



Firemen work together to put out a fire across the border



A European university network exchanges solutions for renewable energy



Neighbouring regions run a joint cross-border hospital

European Territorial Cooperation

is a tool of the European Union that brings people together, across borders, in order to solve common or similar issues that cannot be easily managed within a single country. By pulling together knowledge and resources, European Territorial Cooperation helps strengthen administration, transportation, healthcare, education and so much more.

All of these **actions and projects** take place thanks to the involvement of local and regional institutions, universities, companies, research institutes and many more!

Cooperation does not stop at the borders of the European Union; many projects also involve neighbouring non-EU countries, with the support of the European Union.



● Want to learn more?

You can find out more about European Cooperation Day and European Territorial Cooperation at www.ecday.eu

What's on the site?

- A list of Cooperation Day events
- An interactive map of Europe with all events
- Project stories
- More info about European Territorial Cooperation
- Promotional materials

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