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Press release

Luxembourg's communes hoist flags for a Europe with open borders

On this 9th of May 2020 – Europe Day - Luxembourg cities and municipalities, along with their neighbours from Germany, Belgium and France, raised the European flag, standing up for a Europe with open borders, thus sending a strong message of solidarity to all member states of the European Union.

Exactly 70 years after the Declaration of Robert Schuman, the Luxembourg - born politician who set the foundations for the united Europe as we know it today, communes from the tri-border region made the commitment to keep the inheritance of Robert Schuman's alive.

With the simultaneous hoisting of flags throughout the Grand-Duchy at 11 a.m., the municipalities endorsed the principle that Europe united what belongs together. Their Union stands for friendship and partnerships that extend far beyond the borders of individual countries, the acquisition of innumerable freedoms and rights based on solidarity and economic and social stability.

Like many other partnerships across the world, this Union is being put to the test during this pandemic, but that doesn't mean it is at an end. After all, the forged bonds are too strong and the sense of solidarity too great.

Therefore, on this Europe Day 2020, Luxembourgish communes, spearheaded by their umbrella organisation SYVICOL, and their peers from the Greater Region, declared that Europe should remain what it is: A STRONG UNION WITHOUT BORDERS!

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