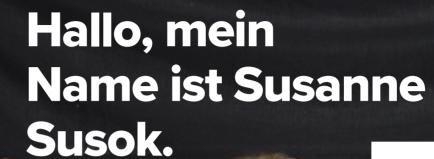




In Velbert, we have been cultivating our **European partnerships** for decades and living the diversity that Europe offers us. Europe is important to me because cohesion in Europe means something to me and it is important for peaceful coexistence to get to know new places, cultures and people.



**Europe is my home.** I was born in Germany, but I feel at home in many European countries. We Europeans have a lot in common: our values, our freedom and our diverse culture. Working in the partnership committee is a great pleasure!

People who are committed to Europe, peace in Europe and different cultures meet regularly to pass on the European idea in numerous projects.

Would you like to join us? Please feel free to contact me:



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In the background: Musée de la Ferme Acadienne

Bonjour, je m'appelle Rainer Jadjewski.

**Europe is important** to me as I prefere to continously have liberality in travel and trade.

Only personal contacts make Europe tangible, which is why I work on the partnership committee. Châtellerault is worth a trip because the town and the surrounding area offers a great variety. If you would like to know more about our twintown, please contact me at:



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I'm member of the Partnership committee to support the European community. Together we will be a strong player in a global world. I believe that only the exchange of cultures will grant us chances for peace, freedom and health on long term.

The UK is an amazing country with beautiful landscapes and valuable historical spots and I love to spend my days over there. Corby is surrounded by many of those places and the people living there are always open, warm and welcoming. It didn't take long until I had the feeling to have a second home in our twinning town. You can contact me:



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Hello, my name is Babett Lange.

In the background: Rockingham Castle





I feel as an European because Europe was there for Kosovo when humanitarian aid was needed. For me, Europe means showing solidarity. That's why I'm also committed to the town twinning with Podujeva.

Podujeva is worth a visite because it is part of the youngest country in Europe, has the most beautiful mountains for hiking and scenic waters. You want to know more:



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Emri im është Rrahman Islami.

In the background: City of Podujeva



**SCAN ME** 

I'm European because I want to show young people in particular that there's more in the world than just your own homeland. That's why I'm also committed to the town twinning with Morag. Morag is worth visiting because of its beautiful location, in a beautiful landscape with its lakes and forests.

If you would like to know more, here are my contact details:

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## Nazywam się Goska Hübinger.

In the background: Town Hall Square with a capt



# **Benim adım** Yüksel Kolçak.

Europe is important to me as a free, peaceful, respectful and appreciative coexistence and prosperity in harmony with one another is possible. A visit to Hacibektaş is worthwhile because the sacred site of Haci Bektaş is impressive. In addition, there are many opportunities to experience fascinating sights of Cappadocia. You would like to get more informations:



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I am European because I can travel without borders and I'm welcome everywhere in the EU. A visit to any of our partner cities is worthwhile. Doing sports together gets people closer all over the world - even without words. If you would like to find out more about international sports activities, please do not hesitate to contact me:



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RADSPOR SCAN ME

In the background: A building of the NHL Stenden University Leeuwarden

## Hallo, mein Name ist Martin Drüeke.

I am deputy headmaster at the Bleibergquelle vocational college. **Europe is important** to me because it is our future, economically, politically and ecologically. I'm a convinced European because I took part in international exchanges as a student that have had a huge impact on my life. It strengthens self-confidence, opens the heart to other people and their cultures. That's why I'm committed to ensuring that young people can have similar experiences. Are you interested in international educational opportunities?



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#### **Events during Europe week**

This year's Europe Week starts under the motto "Talking about Europe". European stories are told in different forms and invite you to be there!

#### 06 MAY

17:00 o'clock "We in Velbert - this is how the world celebrates". - 21:00 o'clock

The SKFM Children's and Youth Center in BiLo (Open Community Center Birth/Losenburg) invites you on Friday, May 6, 2022 from 5 to 9 p.m. for the fourth time to "We in Velbert - so the world celebrates".



More information here or at: https://www.facebook. com/JuZeBiLo/

#### 07/ 08 MAY

## Weekend course - French A1 for traveling

A course for all who want to acquire first knowledge of French. During this weekend, participants will learn the necessary vocabulary for first conversations during their next vacation in France by means of many practical exercises.



15:00 o'clock

(An event of the VHS Velbert/ Heiligenhaus)

More information here or at: https://t1p.de/thsf5



In this poetry slam, four renowned poets compete against each other with self-written texts. The theme of Europe forms the connecting thread in the first round, and the second round will be based on freely chosen texts. The audience decides on the winner of the poetry slam in the final, in which only the two highest-scoring poets are allowed to perform a third text.

Moderation: Jan Schmidt

Poets: Aylin Celik, Meral Ziegler, Elias Hirschl, Florian Stein

Start: 19:30 oʻclock City library Velbert Friedrichstraße 115-117, 42551 Velbert

Presale: 9 € / reduced 5 €

Presale in all three libraries in Velbert



More information about the event here or at: www.stadtbuecherei-

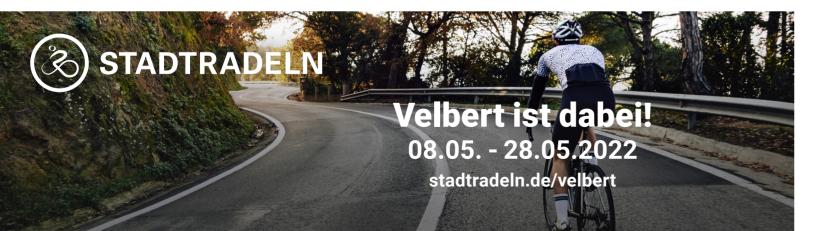
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#### 08 Kick-off event: STADTRADELN 2022

12:00 o'clock

STADTRADELN 2022 will be launched as part of the Europe Festival. The STADTRADELN is a campaign of the Climate Alliance. The aim is to protect the climate, promote cycling and improve the quality of life in the communities by cycling as many kilometers as possible, both professionally and privately (alone or in teams). Everyone who lives, works, belongs to a club or attends a (high) school in Velbert can participate. From 08. to 28. May kilometers may be collected diligently.

At 12.00 o'clock interested, active cyclists meet at the leisure park Höferstraße for a small, guided prelude tour and will arrive together at 13.00 o'clock at the Friedrich-Karrenberg-Platz. There, the Europe Festival will be ceremoniously opened.





On Sunday, May 8, 2022, from 12 to 6 p.m., Velbert will set a sign for a living Europe at the Europe Festival in the city center. The visitors can look forward to a colorful and multicultural stage program with music and dance. At 1pm, the Minister of European Affairs Dr. Stephan Holthoff-Pförtner, will open the festival together with Mayor Dirk Lukrafka. Numerous representatives from the Velbert association world present themselves and their work with information and action booths in the pedestrian zone. And also culinary a journey expects the visitors by the kitchens of Europe. Beyond that the retail trade invites with the sales open Sunday of 13 to 18 o'clock to strolling.



More information about the event here or at:
<a href="https://www.stadtmarketing.velbert.de/events/europafest">www.stadtmarketing.velbert.de/events/europafest</a>

#### 06 -08 MAY

#### **Street Food und Musik auf dem Platz Am Offers**

12:00 o'clock

From Friday, May 6 to Sunday, May 8, 2022, the popular Street Food & Music Festival Velbert has the now third guest performance on the square Am Offers. Culinary delicacies from all over the world and a varied music program await the visitors. Modern food trucks and food stalls, hip solo artists and live bands will ensure relaxed afternoons and exuberant party atmosphere in the evenings on three festival days. On Family Sunday, young visitors can look forward to bouncy castle jumping, face painting and sand painting. Thus, the "Street Food & Music Festival Velbert" becomes a unique experience for the whole family!



## **08 MAY**

#### **European music stories**

told and played by musicians\* from different European countries. Velberter Kulturloewen, City of Velbert and Marco Launert continue their successful collaboration. Music, interviews and videos for a European songwriting project with final concert on various social media channels.



More information about the event here or at: www.kulturloewen.de/ veranstaltungen

19:00 o'clock

### **09**

#### Lavender Blossoms in the South of France – A Travel Lecture

This lecture takes participants on a journey through the South of France with its picturesque towns and fascinating landscapes. A very special travel experience is the lavender blossom in early summer.



19:00 o'clock

(An event of the VHS Velbert/ Heiligenhaus)

More information about the course here or at: https://t1p.de/8v765





Registration required: www.bbg-aktuell.de/europa

Language: English

Maintopic: Erasmus programme

- · Testimonials after a stay abroad
- Current voices: Students in Europe
- Preparation for studying in Europe (in Velbert)

Greeting Petra Kammerevert MEP

Pupils and students, teachers and lecturers will speak from the places of study will have their say. Guests are mayor Dirk Lukrafka, Mareike Schleifenbaum (Erasmusexpert from Marburg) and the twin towns.

# We talk! together

The Youth Parliament Velbert is active in the partnership committee. The topic "Europe" has already been taken up in many projects of the JuPa. Children and young people take responsibility for their future both in Velbert and in Europe!

From May 5th to 10th an international youth meeting will take place in Velbert with the aim to build up a European youth network. Together with young people from Corby/England, Arconate/Italy, Morag/Poland and Podujeva in Kosovo the young people will discuss the topic "Child and Youth Participation in Europe".





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"Europe is important for people, for the peace between the countries and a more tolerant world."

Dominika, from Velbert

"Europa is important for me because together we can change the world."

Joanna, from Poland

"Europe is important for me because it protects human rights and culture and it ensures mutual help and freedom."

Ilaria, from Italy

"Europe is important to me because you have the right to train and study anywhere in the EU."

Rinesa, from Kosovo

"Europa means to me: Although we are no longer in the European Union, England IS still in Europe which to me is still a land of opportunity – not just for young people, but for people of all ages."

Cory, from England

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