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## Corporate content on communication for outreach networks

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### It's the final countdown

On 9 May, the European Union will [celebrate Europe Day 2023](#). Throughout the [27 EU member states](#) and across the world, the EU institutions will celebrate through a host of engaging, informative and entertaining activities. The Representations of the Commission in close cooperation with the European Parliament Liaison Offices, the EUROPE DIRECT centres, on some occasions other EU networks and other national and regional partners plan various actions to mark the day. **Make sure the date features high on your channels.** Do not miss the opportunity to join such activities!

To keep you in the big picture

### Joint gas purchase

We open this week's issue with a key milestone to prepare for next winter by refilling the EU gas storage. In concrete, European companies will register their gas purchases in the so-called AggregateEU mechanism, which will allow the EU to use its **collective market power to** negotiate better prices with international suppliers. Registered companies had one week, until 2 May, to respond to this first call for demand aggregation. After the individual companies' demands have been submitted, the required volumes will be aggregated and put out to tender on the global market. Once the AggregateEU mechanism matches the collective European demand with offers from international gas suppliers, the participating companies will enter into negotiations with suppliers on the contractual terms for the purchase and delivery of the gas. The Commission will not play

any role in the negotiations. The first purchase agreements are expected before the summer. Follow the [press release](#) and the [Q&A](#).

## Historic move towards climate neutrality

On 25 April the Council formally [adopted](#) five laws, part of the Fit for 55 package, which will enable the EU to **cut greenhouse gas emissions** within the main sectors of the economy, while making sure that the most vulnerable citizens and micro-enterprises, as well as the sectors exposed to carbon leakage, are effectively supported in the climate transition. These include revised EU emissions trading system, new carbon border adjustment mechanism and new social climate fund. On the same day, the Council and the Parliament reached a provisional political [agreement](#) on a proposal aiming to **decarbonise the aviation sector** and create a level playing field for a sustainable air transport (ReFuelEU aviation initiative).

## Affordable medicines for all

The third big story this week is the Commission's proposal to revise the [EU's pharmaceutical legislation](#) - the largest reform in over 20 years - to make it more agile, flexible, and adapted to the needs of citizens and businesses across the EU. The revision will make **medicines more available, accessible and affordable**. It will support innovation and boost the competitiveness and attractiveness of the EU pharmaceutical industry, while promoting higher environmental standards. In addition to this reform, the Commission proposes a [Council Recommendation](#) to step up the fight against antimicrobial resistance. Get the full [story](#).

We handpicked for you

## Learn on the job

A new [Eurobarometer survey](#) released last week shows that **traineeships** are an important stepping stone for **young people** into the labour market. Four in five young people (78%) surveyed did at least one traineeship, and for one in five (19%) their first work experience was a traineeship. Seven in ten people (68%)

found a job following a traineeship, with more than half of those (39%) signing a contract with the same employer, according to the data. See [more](#).

## Let's talk about learning mobility

After 3 weekends of deliberation, the **Citizens' Panel** presented last Sunday 21 [recommendations](#) to the Commission to make **learning mobility** in Europe more accessible and better known. The recommendations range from the need to strengthen information, communication and guidance for all audiences, the promotion of language learning, to assuring financial support and expanding learning mobility programmes for people of all ages, socio-economic backgrounds, and professional groups. The outcome of the Panel will support the Commission's work on a policy proposal later in the year for a Council recommendation on promoting learning mobility for everyone in the European Education Area.

Might wish to share among your networks

## "Have your say" goes to school

The piece that follows is meant to help you reach out to the school community in an effort to engage them in the '**EU Democracy in Action - Have Your Say with the European Citizens' Initiative' toolkit for schools!** A webinar taking place on **11 May, 18:30 – 19:30 CET** (in English only) will help teachers discover the new toolkit (available in all EU languages in June) developed for them to be able to teach students about becoming active EU citizens and to engage them using the European Citizens' Initiative (ECI) framework. Educational activities are aimed at high school pupils in their last two years of school. Find out [more](#).

Learn about other EU networks and find synergies!

**Today's network in highlight** → [National Contact Point Coordinators for Horizon Europe](#).

**Scope** → They provide information and on-the ground advice about Horizon Europe call for proposals to potential applicants and beneficiaries.

**Target audience** → SMEs, Entrepreneurs, Universities, Researchers.

**Possible synergies with you** → They cooperate with the EEN Network. However, there is a potential to cooperate with other networks who have researchers as their audience. So don't hesitate to reach out and find out. Follow the link below.

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