

# IN 2009, AN EVENT ENDORSED BY THE EUROPEAN UNION

«Through collaboration among citizens, by sharing experiences and being good neighbours, we are working together to forge an even closer and more human European community. It is the simple bonds between friends, families and neighbours which is the source of our vitality and strength.

Collaboration and partnerships are the keys to our shared success, both within our borders and within our neighbourhood. That is why the European Neighbours' Day initiative is so important, it brings us closer together to realise our common aspirations and to build networks of lasting friendships.»



Luc VAN DEN BRANDE  
President, Committee of the Regions

«As social housing providers, our vision is of a Europe where communities are socially, economically and environmentally sustainable and where all are enabled to reach their full potential. European Neighbours' Day is a practical way to bring communities together and instil solidarity among neighbours and we encourage everyone to take part in an initiative that is improving neighbourhoods across Europe.»



David ORR, President, CECODHAS  
(European Liaison Committee for Social Housing)

In 2009, Neighbours' Day was celebrated in 29 countries (21 EU countries) : Austria, Belgium, Bulgaria, Czech Republic, Cyprus, France, Germany, Greece, Hungary, Ireland, Italy, Latvia, Luxemburg, Netherlands, Poland, Portugal, Roumania, United Kindgom, Slovaquia, Spain, Sweden.

Neighbour's day is also celebrated in Bosnia Herzegovina, Canada (Quebec), Croatia, Japan, Norway, Switzerland, Taiwan, Turkey and Ukraine.

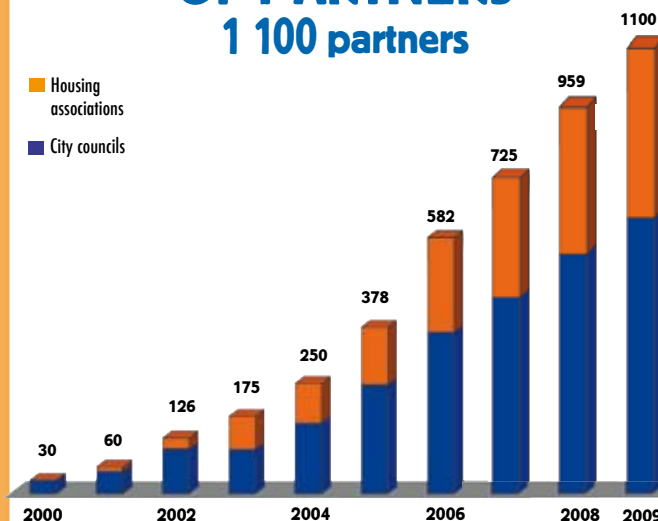
«Solidarity and proximity occupy a prominent place in the action of this Commission. I myself am very committed in favour of greater social cohesion and inclusion, which are an essential part of any democratic and dynamic society. Your initiative is a concrete example of solidarity and the fight against exclusion, it is therefore without hesitation that I renew my patronage of it.»



Vladimír SPIDLA  
Commissioner for Employment, Social Affairs and Equal Opportunities



## A GROWING NETWORK OF PARTNERS 1 100 partners



The E.F.L.S. has developed a network of city and housing organization partners to coordinate and promote Neighbours' Day on a local level.

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# neighbours' day

Friday 28 May 2010

THE FIRST CITIZEN MEETING IN EUROPE  
9 MILLION PARTICIPANTS ALL OVER THE WORLD  
1 100 CITIES AND HOUSING ASSOCIATIONS PARTNERS

[www.european-neighbours-day.eu](http://www.european-neighbours-day.eu)



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## THE FIRST NEIGHBOURS' MEETING FOR A "BETTER LIVING TOGETHER"

Neighbours' Day encourages people to get to know and talk to each other. It creates better conditions for living together and fosters community cohesion and solidarity.

By meeting each other once a year at an informal celebratory event, Neighbours' Day improves the way people live together and helps instil community cohesion.

Although the event is supported by city councils and housing associations, the main aim is to get local residents to take on lead roles and organise a neighbours' party themselves.

Throughout Europe, the day features various activities enriched by the local culture and creates networks for neighbourly and community practices.

### HISTORY

#### 1999-2009 : 10 years !

**1999 :** Creation of Neighbours' day in Paris and launch of the event throughout France in 2000.

**2004 :** Creation of European Neighbours' Day.

**2009 :** European Neighbours' Day is celebrated in 1 000 cities of 29 countries (21 EU countries). 9 million inhabitants joined in.



### THE EVENT IN BRIEF...

#### WHAT :

Encourage people to get together, to meet each other and enjoy themselves.

#### HOW :

Organise a neighbours' party, everybody brings something along.

#### WHEN :

**Friday 28 May 2010**

#### WHO :

Neighbours together.

#### WHERE :

It could be in the street, in the garden, in the hall, or in the building courtyard.

#### SUPPORTED BY :

Town and city councils, social housing organisations, local associations, public and private partners.



### ABOUT US ?

Neighbours' Day is an initiative of the European Federation of Local Solidarity. Created in 2005, the E.F.L.S. is a non-profitable organization based in Paris (France). Its main objective is to develop a network of partners willing to promote a "better living together".

*"In its ten years of existence, Neighbours' Day has proved to be a fantastic success, going away beyond French and European horizons to become a major citizen event. Good humour, wonderful encounters and togetherness, joyful laughter and happiness everywhere!"*

*This wonderful success of Neighbours' Day has stimulated us to go further. The E.F.L.S. provides room for exchanges on best neighbourhood practices and thereby gives everyone a chance to act for a more human and cohesive society!"*



Atanase PÉRIFAN  
E.F.L.S., President  
Neighbours' Day Founder

### HOW TO JOIN IN ?

To make your participation official, all you have to do is to Register. Your Registration enables you to have the use of the Neighbours' Day brand name.

To do so, you can contact the E.F.L.S. or contact directly your local coordinator where appropriate.

A membership fee is required to become a partner. The amount depends on the number of residents.

### WHAT IS OUR ROLE ?

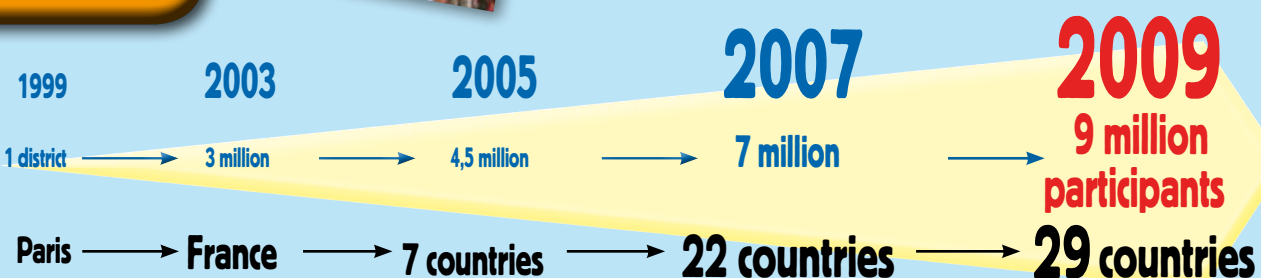
- We provide you with all the logistical support of the event (communication kit, guide books, press file, video etc...) together with a permanent telephone assistance to help you organise the event step.
- We promote the event at an international level.

### WHAT IS YOUR ROLE ?

- Your role is to promote the project at a local level by ensuring a maximum communication around the event: printing and distributing all communication tools, contacting local media.
- You raise resident's awareness and encourage them to get involved, contribute if necessary to the logistics of the event, identify all various initiatives and thank all participants.

### REASONS TO JOIN IN ?

- You benefit from a citizen movement to get the inhabitants to support a same project.
- You bring together local decision makers (politicians, inhabitants, charities, agencies, media...) around a positive project.
- You take the leadership of an event which has a strong media impact and you give opportunity to people to meet up and share a good time together, beyond daily issues and difficulties.
- You join in a European wide movement to share experiences of good citizen practices with other European cities (your twin cities or network of partners).



## AN EVER-GROWING MEDIA COVERAGE

170 TV news items

5200 press articles and quotes

450 radio stories\*

\*E.F.L.S. estimates



### OUR WEBSITE

[www.european-neighbours-day.eu](http://www.european-neighbours-day.eu)

Our website is available in 25 languages. It displays our communication toolkit, our ideas and advices to organize the event, our network of local partners : city councils, social housing organizations in Europe and worldwide. Please have a look also at reports, testimonies and photos of previous Neighbours' Day events organized all over Europe.