The second annual European Folk Day https://www.europeanfolkday.eu/ will take place on Monday 23 September 2024



Begun in 2023, the European Folk Day is coordinated by members of the European Folk Network (EFN).

Background and objectives

The idea of the European Folk Day relates to one of EFN's objectives: to **demonstrate the existence of a critical mass of people all over Europe, involved, in one way or another, in the traditional performing arts** (music, dance, storytelling). As an undeniable example, the 2023 Folk Day incorporated 248 events in 32 countries - read the full report on the <u>EFN website</u>.

• Who can participate in the European Folk Day?

Participation is open to any individual, band, institution, company, community, workshop, local group - indeed anyone who wants to join in with an activity related to folk music, dance or storytelling, either on-site or online. **EVERYONE is welcome**, whether or not they are members of EFN.

How can I participate in the European Folk Day?

Participation can be:

- On the European Folk Day itself or on the days just before or after 23 September
- as simple as recording a video with an old or new song, uploading it to your social media and tag it with #europeanfolkday.
- as simple as a single concert or as elaborate as a festival on-site with several artists performing, on or around the time of 23 September - and publicising it as part of the European Folk Day
- **journalist and broadcasters** can feature a song or an artist or dedicate the whole day to the topic. And publicise European Folk Day events in your local/national media. Do you need any tips? Ask us: the EFN has members in most of the European countries who can support you.

There is no limit to how and where you can participate. If you can't think of anything, contact the Participation email (contacts below) or look at the website and we'll help you with ideas. When you have decided on your participation, give us the details on the Participate page of the website and submit the information to the searchable database. Your participation will be added on the database and on the interactive map of Europe. EFN will be communicating progress to the world and giving visibility to all European Folk Day events. You can sign up for the mailing list about the Folk Day, here.

How can I contact the organising team?

EFN has a small team coordinating the European Folk Day project. We have set up specific emails for different needs:

- For questions about participation, contact Eric via participate@europeanfolkday.eu
- For requests from media, contact Araceli via media@europeanfolkday.eu
- For general requests or other issues, contact Nod via info@europeanfolkday.eu

We are looking forward to everyone joining in this pan-European initiative to support and celebrate the traditional arts of communities throughout Europe.