

50th Anniversary events

Opening ceremony

Thursday 7 May 2026



Location: Zubin Mehta Hall, Teatro del Maggio Musicale Fiorentino

The European University Institute (EUI) welcomed its first 70 researchers in 1976. Over the past five decades, it has grown into a thriving community shaping Europe's future through bold, (inter)disciplinary research and teaching, and public engagement. This anniversary is a chance to celebrate the people and ideas that have made the EUI a pillar of European scholarship and dialogue. We look back on our history and achievements, and we look ahead to lay foundations for the future of the social sciences and humanities and their capacity to create public value.

09:00 – 10:00	<i>Arrivals, registration, and EUI stands</i> Location: Foyer, Teatro del Maggio Musicale Fiorentino
Master of Ceremonies: Maria Tadeo , Head of EU News and Correspondent, Euronews	
10:30 – 10:35	Opening by Armando Barucco , Secretary General, EUI Maria Tadeo , Head of EU News and Correspondent, Euronews
10:35 – 11:00	Welcome Sara Funaro , President, Fondazione Teatro del Maggio Musicale Fiorentino, and Mayor of Florence Cristina Scaletti , Mayor of Fiesole Bernabò Bocca , President, Fondazione CR Firenze Alessandra dal Verme , Director, Italian State Property Agency Eugenio Giani , President, Tuscany Region
11:00 – 11:15	Opening speech Patrizia Nanz , President, EUI
11:15 – 11:30	The EUI 'Reimagining Europe' Award 2026 Laureate: Sabino Cassese , Former Judge of the Italian Constitutional Court Awarded by Patrizia Nanz, President, EUI
11:30 – 11:45	Keynote speech by António José Martins Seguro , President of the Portuguese Republic
11:45 – 11:50	Message by Nicușor Dan , President of the Romanian Republic Read by Sorin Costreie , Advisor to the President
11:50 – 12:00	Collective voices from a new generation of Europeans with the students of the Liceo Artistico Porta Romana of Florence
12:00 – 12:20	A conversation with the President of the European Parliament Roberta Metsola , President, European Parliament Interview with Maria Tadeo , Head of EU News and Correspondent, Euronews and interaction with students of Officine d'Orizzonti
12:20 – 12:40	A conversation with the President of the European Council António Costa , President, European Council with Henry Foy , Brussels Bureau Chief, Financial Times
12:40 – 12:45	Video message by Ursula von der Leyen , President, European Commission
12:45 – 12:50	Video message by Nadia Calviño , President, European Investment Bank
12:50 – 13:00	Closing by Mihai Dimian , Minister of Education and Research, Romania Roxana Mînzatu , Executive Vice-President for Social Rights and Skills, Quality Jobs and Preparedness, European Commission

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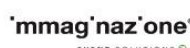


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