

When MAT FRE pupils illustrate the history of the European Union



During the 2019-2020 and 2020-2021 school years, the last year students of FRE Kindergarten discovered **the history of the European Union**.



With the help of their teacher – Mathieu Girot – they listed their questions:

Why is our school called a “European school”?

How is it different from other schools in Belgium or Europe?

What is the history of the European Union?

Why do countries “join hands” and live in peace?

What symbols are common to all European countries? The European anthem? Our common flag? ...



To find answers to their questions, the students engaged in an information research phase:

- by **reading documents**
- by **meeting the successive Deputy Directors of our school** and **two French and German MEPs**, respectively Mrs. Vedrenne and Mr. Oetjen,
- by **interviewing Colette, an 87-year-old French octogenarian who lived through the Second World War at their age** and who explained to them why the European Union is important to her,
- by **discovering the linguistic richness of onomatopoeia**, similarities and phonological differences,
- by participating in **the creation of a linography on the European Union with the artist Joëlle Pontseel**.
- Finally, the pupils of the class shared a **weekly “European time”** with the Spanish and Latvian classmates of the school.

Every Thursday, the students met to play games with other Europeans, discovered and shared traditional festivals from other school countries, ...



With the information collected,

the pupils produced a book on the history of the European Union.

With the help of colleagues from 7 other language sections of the school, their book was translated. Thank you everyone 😊

Here they are, downloadable:



[L'histoire de L'union Européenne](#)



[L'histoire de l'Union Européenne - dyslexie](#)



[History of the European Union](#)



[Historia de la Unión Europea](#)



[La storia dell'Unione Europea](#)



[Eiropas Savienības vēsture](#)



[Die Geschichte der Europäischen Union](#)



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[História Európskej únie](#)



In the continuity of this work of **transmission of knowledge acquired by the pupils**, the pupils presented their book to the [prix « Citoyen Européen d'Uccle »](#) 2021.

Without winning the prize, the pupils' book received **congratulations from the jury**.



Madame Ledan - Alderwoman for European Affairs of the Commune - offered to print their book to distribute it to all nursery classes in Uccle.

A great example of transmission between pupils, and a great satisfaction for the pupils!
Thanks to the community for supporting this project.



Information to come on the distribution of the book to the schools of Uccle