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9 May 2025: Sport celebrates Europe Day

Europe Day, held on 9 May since 1985, celebrates peace and unity in Europe. The date marks the anniversary of the 'Schuman declaration' in 1950 that laid out the foundation of European cooperation.

In 2025, Europe Day is a special occasion as we are celebrating 75 years since the Schuman declaration.

Values-based organised sport in Europe is based on freedom of association and values such as good governance, safety, integrity, solidarity, health, respect of human and fundamental rights and gender equality, as well as voluntary activity.

Taking into account the current international context, the Spanish High Council for Sports has launched an institutional campaign "Spanish Sport celebrates Europe Day" to make the commitment of Spanish sport to European values more visible.

All Spanish sports federations have been invited to join the celebration by means of different actions:

- The display of the European flag, which symbolizes the identity and unity of Europe, at the beginning of sporting events.
- The performance of the European anthem before matches or competitions begin.
- The dissemination of messages such as #DemocraciaEnAcción, #DíaDeEuropa, and #ElDeporteEsUnión.
- Any other initiative that reflects European values and makes the symbols of the Union visible (captain's armbands, advertising spots, posts on social networks, twinning actions with other EU countries, lighting with the colours of the Union...).

The aim is to ensure that the symbols of the European Union are visible in as many sporting events as possible during the week of 5-11 May. Several Sports Federations. Leagues and Teams (Cycling, Handball, Rhythmic Gymnastics...) have already joined the campaign.

To give greater visibility, three significant main events have been highlighted:

1. Women's sport: 9 May, penultimate stage of the Women's Cycling Tour by Carrefour.
2. Sport practiced by people with disabilities: 10 May, AXA Paralympic Swimming League.
3. Sport at the highest level: 11 May, Football match: FC Barcelona vs Real Madrid. *El Clásico*.

Personalities at the local, regional, national and European level will be invited to attend each of these events.

We hope this celebration can serve as an inspiration for future actions in the rest of the Member States.