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PULSE OF EUROPE



Founded in Frankfurt, Germany, Pulse of Europe is a pro-EU citizens' initiative which aims at "encouraging citizens of the European Union to speak out publicly in favour of a pan-European identity".

The EU citizens behind the initiative "are convinced that the majority of people believe in the fundamental idea of the European Union and its reformability and development and does not want to sacrifice it to nationalist tendencies. Nothing less than the protection of an alliance, which secures peace and guarantees individual freedom, justice and legal security are at stake".

Pulse of Europe stands up for a united, democratic Europe – a Europe where respect for **human dignity**, the **rule of law**, **freedom of expression**, **tolerance** and **respect** are the foundation of our community. Its big goal is "to gather as many people as possible in Europe, who stand for Europe, and are able to support pro- European forces after the elections. Thus we can form a human chain all across Europe connecting Germany, France and the Netherlands".

Demonstrations take place in various European cities on a weekly schedule, every Sunday at 2 pm.

On 5 March, public meetings were held in 35 European cities. 28 of these were German, but citizens also gathered in Amsterdam, Paris, Strasbourg, Montpellier, Toulouse, and Lyon, and Bath.

While on 5 March 2017 the number of individual attendants ranged between 40 and more than 3,000, the following week more than 20,000 people joined demonstrations in more than 40 European cities.

PULSE OF EUROPE is very much in line with the purpose of EUROPE's PEOPLE's FORUM. We therefore encourage all our supporters and others to join the events around Europe!

For more info, check Pulse of Europe's <u>website</u>, <u>Facebook</u> and <u>Twitter</u> accounts.