

# One Hour for Europe Agenda



**The Agenda influences the Teams on which topics of European interest they should discuss during the months of the year and define the three dates of the pan European strike.**

**The Teams are not compelled to follow the Agenda's topics monthly. The Teams are compelled to join the three dates of the pan European strikes promoting activities on the given theme the same day.**

While facing the COVID-19 pandemic, the EU is undergoing economic, social, environmental, technological and international challenges, among the others. The very foundations of the European community, such as being united in diversity, rule of law and democracy are being questioned.

In light of these challenges, Ursula von der Leyen, the first woman to be elected President of the European Commission, presented her State of the Union speech in September 2020.

Inspired by her speech, the One Hour for Europe Agenda for 2021 includes:

## **Topic per month:**

**January** – Promote a wider education aiming for active citizenship (International Day of Education January 24th) // Things learned from last year

**February** - Promote EU sustainable goals (possibly with relations to the World Urban Forum for Sustainable Cities and Communities)

**March** –Advocate for gender equality and women’s rights

**April** - Bring awareness to discrimination perpetrated against people with disabilities (2nd of April is World Autism Awareness Day)

**May** - Advocate for freedom of speech, democracy, rule of law and press independence

**June** - Advocate for LGBTQ+ rights

**July** - Advocate for migrant’s rights

**August** - Discuss water safety and security, sustainable food production, and social inequalities that lead to hunger or water scarcity

**September** - Celebrate European Culture, Heritage and History (September has European Heritage Days)

**October** - Bring awareness to the dangers of populisms and extremisms, and spread anti-racism and anti-(neo)colonialism campaigns

**November** - Follow the EU Digital Agenda

**December** - Advocate for human rights and bring awareness to their current violations (December 10th Human Rights Day).

### **Pan-European Strikes:**

1) **9th of January**, 5 PM Brussels (BL) time zone: “What has the pandemic changed so far?” January marks about a year since the virus started spreading around the world: we have witnessed cultural, economic and political changes, the access to education in Europe was put under severe pressure, and the European Union itself is facing major challenges. This strike is to try and wrap-up a year of upheavals, especially in connection with the topic of “Things learned from last year” stated in our Agenda 2021.

Hashtag used online to label this Strike:

#LearnEU #onehourforeurope #activecitizen #awareness #1h4eu #localteam #glocalteam #europe #eu #europeanunion #eustrike #onehour #careu

2) **9th of May**, 5 PM Brussels (BL) time zone: “Europe and the European Union related to freedom of speech, democracy, Rule of Law and press independence”. In our Agenda 2021, May is the month that focuses on these issues. For that reason, it would be opportune to direct the second strike on how those topics have developed through the decades and what challenges we face today in that regard. Additionally and especially, the 9th of May is Europe Day: all of these topics are some of the foundations of the European Union. Therefore, it would be fit to centre a strike around those. In the previous year, One Hour for Europe exposed and discussed the history of the EU; this time One Hour for Europe aims to focus more on the contemporary issues that surround us.

Hashtag used online to label this strike:

#FreEU #onehourforeurope #activecitizen #awareness #1h4eu #localteam #glocalteam #europe #eu #europeanunion #eustrike #onehour #careu

3) **9th of October**, 5 PM Brussels (BL) time zone: “Why are we ‘united in diversity’?”, “United in diversity” is our motto, but for what reason? What differences can we talk about in the European Union? One Hour for Europe aims to focus the strike on diversity within the EU.

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#europe #eu #europeanunion #eustrike #onehour #careu