

Our Values

Robert Schuman, the French Foreign Affairs Minister, suggested on 9th May 1950 in a historic gesture that France and Germany share the management of their energy resources instead of continuing confrontation and war.

Five years after the end of the Second World War, this declaration lay the foundations of a Europe built for peace and cooperation between nations, thereby leading to the reconstruction of a ruined continent and the return of prosperity. Robert Schuman was given the title of the Father of Europe by the European Parliament.

We should also consider that bearing the name of Robert Schuman obliges us to this.

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