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JANUARY

Democracy has the power to quickly spread, but its erosion can happen just as fast.
Democracy is freedom.
We need to stand up for it.

Ursula von der Leyen
2021

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The **EU Charter of Fundamental Rights** ensures the **freedom of movement** and gives citizens the right to move and reside freely within the Union.

European Commission
2012
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FEBRUARY

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MARCH

The **EU Charter of Fundamental Rights** protects individual freedoms such as respect for private life, freedom of thought, religion, assembly, expression and information.

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Human dignity is inviolable.
It must be **respected, protected**
and constitutes the real **basis of**
fundamental rights.

European Commission

APRIL

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A European citizen automatically enjoys **political rights**.
Every adult EU citizen has the **right to stand as a candidate** and **to vote in elections** to the European Parliament.

European Commission

MAY

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Europe was founded as a
**community bound together
by solidarity.**

Martin Schulz



JUNE

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JULY

The
EU Charter of Fundamental Rights protects human rights;
 the right to be **free from discrimination**, the right to the
protection of your personal data, and the right to
access justice.

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The
European Union
is the world's most successful
invention for advancing
peace.

John Bruton
2012

AUGUST

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Only the people
can **change** and **enrich** things
in the institutions and **transmit**
them **to future generations.**

John Bruton
2012

SEPTEMBER

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Europe's Destiny and the
future of the free world
are entirely **in our hands.**

Simone Veil
1982

OCTOBER

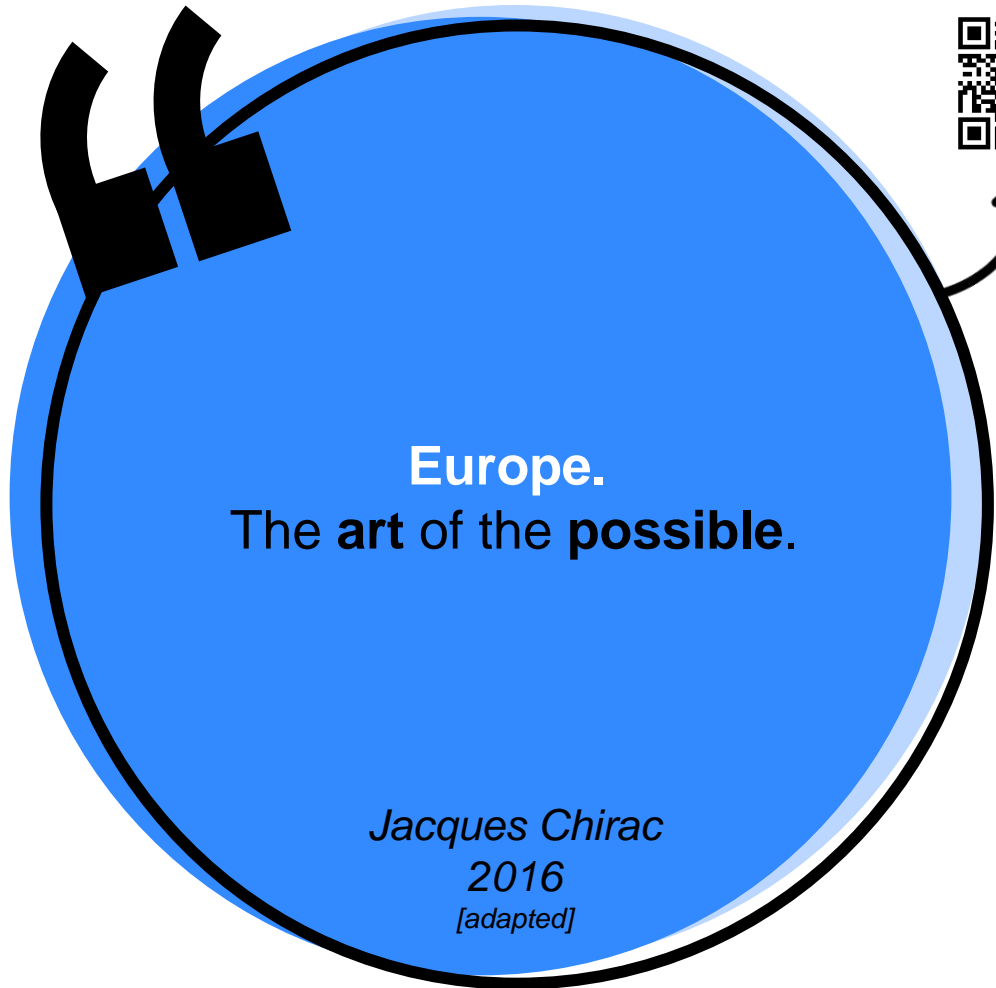
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NOVEMBER

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Jacques Chirac
2016
[adapted]



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DECEMBER

The future will not be built through force, nor the desire to conquer, **but by the patient application of the democratic method, the constructive spirit of agreement, and by respect for freedom.**

Alcide De Gasperi
2020

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