

# "together standing strong"

I tried to do it on my own  
I thought I didn't need anyone  
At all, anyone at all

I tried to paint the world alone  
And I kind of did  
But it was no fun at all  
It made me feel so small

Then you lend your hand  
We made our colours blend  
No more dark grey skies  
We make the future bright

CHORUS:

We're sharing borders (eye to eye)  
We're growing closer  
We're celebrating (heart to heart)  
Every obstacle we've overcome  
Together standing strong

Different cultures  
Is what we have  
Something makes me frown  
But it makes you laugh  
I see, it's something else we see

But we're neighbours  
We always meet  
Somewhere in the middle  
And it always leads  
To a new view  
The one of me and you  
Look at our canvas sky  
Mix our red and white

(CHORUS)

It wasn't always easy  
But look at our success  
25 years and more to come  
Let's celebrate this fact

We're cooperating  
We do because we care  
'Bout the environment  
The elderly, our health  
And all the things we share

Despite our differences  
There's so much we've reached  
We're all shining bright  
Though we cheer  
For different teams

For the past few years  
We've learned what we can do  
To make Interreg  
A star of the EU

European cooperation  
European Cooperation Day

(CHORUS)

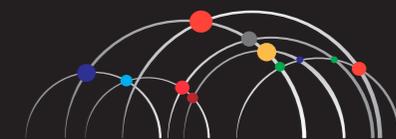
Cooperation isn't always *easy*. Sometimes we see things *differently*.  
We have different cultures, languages and *styles*. But in the end,  
we know that we can achieve more when we work



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EUROPEAN COOPERATION DAY

*Sharing borders, growing closer*

## What is Interreg?

Interreg is a tool of the European Union (EU) that finances local cooperation projects across borders. These projects bring people together from different regions to solve common issues that cannot be easily managed within a single country. By pulling together knowledge and resources, Interreg improves healthcare, safety, environmental protection, education, transportation, local economies, and so much more. Interreg projects also build trust between people from different countries. A similar tool is used by the EU with neighbouring countries, strengthening cooperation even further.



## What is European Cooperation Day?

European Cooperation Day is on 21 September and accompanied by a yearly campaign promoting the achievements of cooperation programmes across Europe and beyond. This year, we will celebrate the 25th anniversary of Interreg. Join us for the festivities! Everyone involved in cooperation, past and present, is invited to take part in their region. Along with European Cooperation Day events, there will be an extra special kick-off event in Luxembourg including the unveiling of a new slogan for Interreg and a live performance of the European cooperation song.

## Get involved!

The most important part of European Cooperation Day are the events which cooperation programmes across the EU and beyond organise in their local communities.

To find an event near you, log on to [www.ecday.eu](http://www.ecday.eu). There you will find an interactive map of events and more information about the campaign.

## Bringing cooperation to the streets

Four street artists blended their styles to create a floor-to-ceiling mural representing some of the thematic areas of cooperation projects: health, social inclusion, environment, and culture. This mural was the basis for the making of the



2015 European Cooperation Day video which includes an original European cooperation song. Scan this QR code to watch the video, and flip to the back cover for the lyrics so you can sing along to the song!

