European unity started as the dream of a few, it became the hope of the many – quote from the Rome Declaration, declaration of the leaders of 27 member states and of the European Council, the European Parliament and the European Commission of 25 March 2017, on the occasion of the 60th anniversary of the Rome Treaties.

1 - Paris, 1958. Women lining up for potatoes. To end food shortages in post-war Europe a common agricultural policy was developed.

2 - The German-Dutch border, 1960s. A German lorry driver argues with the Dutch customs police.

3 - Lisbon, 1 May 1974. The crowd demonstrates with carnation flower bouquets as Portugal moves from dictatorship to democracy.


5 - Riga, September 2003. Latvians celebrate the results of a referendum to join the European Union. On 1 May 2004, the ex-Soviet republic becomes one of 10 new EU members.

6 - Summer 2015. The migration crisis. Europe faces an unprecedented influx of migrants crossing the Mediterranean to seek refuge. An unparalleled search and rescue effort is launched.

7 - March 2017. A gathering organised by “Pulse of Europe”. 60 years after its creation, a democratic union of rights, freedoms, the rule of law, tolerance and respect continues to inspire.