

European Benches in every city

Practical Instructions



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1 AUTHORIZATION

Ask the authorization to the municipality by sending them via mail a document like this one:

JEF kindly requests authorisation to paint a “European bench”, i.e. permission to freely paint a public bench with the colours and symbols of the European Union.

We would like your chosen bench to be located in a meaningful and symbolic place.

Furthermore, upon completion, we would like to involve citizens by holding a brief inauguration event with the support of local authorities, and representatives of European and local institutions.

We would like to dedicate the European bench to (you can dedicate the bench to someone like Spinelli, Sassoli etc).

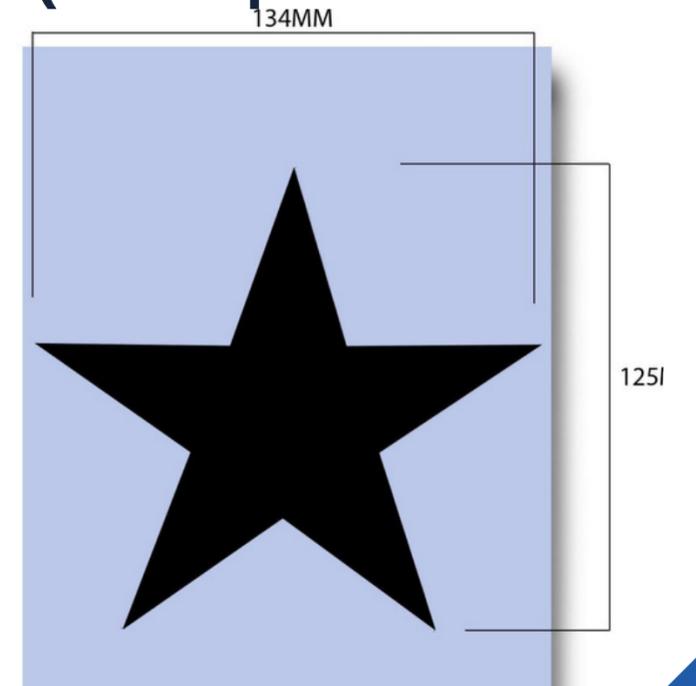
As part of the “European Benches in Every City” project, more than 50 European benches have been created thanks to Young European Federalists. A simple thing like seeing a bench in the place where you live painted with the twelve yellow stars on a blue background helps shorten distances and creates a strong sense of belonging and active citizenship.

Hoping to receive favorable feedback. Best regards.



2 REALIZATION

- Plan the day for the realization (you can do it with other organizations, schools..)
- Buy blue and yellow Enamel and paintbrushes (keep the receipts for the reimbursement)
- Write down the measurements of the bench
- Create the star stencils (you can fold a sheet in half and cut out half a star)
- Paint the bench with blue and the 12 stars
- You can also paint sentences (ex "united in diversity")





3 INAUGURATION

- Plan the day for the inauguration event
- Invite the mayor of the city and representative members of the local, national and European institutions
- Invite representative members of local youth organizations
- Write a press release and send it to the local press
- Don't forget to bring the federalist flags and take pictures



4 POST-EVENT

- Write a press release and send it to the local press
- Post the photos of the event on social networks

