

EU Day October 2017

16th Annual European Union Day: October 20, 2017



“State of the European Union” Keynote Address

delivered by **His Excellency Lauri Lepik, Ambassador of Estonia to the United States**

Friday, October 20, 2017

3rd floor, Levis Faculty Center, 919 W Illinois St,
Urbana, IL 61801 ([map](#))

*The European Union Center will host a reception at 10 am,
followed by the **keynote at 10:30 am.***

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The European Union Center is pleased to announce its 16th annual European Union Day on October 20, 2017.

European Union Day at the University of Illinois is a celebration of transatlantic relations and strives to promote a better understanding between the peoples of the United States and the European Union. The highlight of the celebration is the “State of the European Union Address.”

This year, the “State of the European Union” address will be delivered by His Excellency Lauri Lepik, [Ambassador of Estonia](#) to the United States. (Photo credit Arno Mikkor.)

EU Day is open to the public and provides our citizens with the opportunity to learn about the importance of the European Union to the United States and its role in

promoting international relations. Invited guests and dignitaries will include members of the Diplomatic Corps from Washington, DC, members of the Consular Corps from Chicago, business leaders, state and local government officials, and faculty and students from universities and high schools throughout Illinois.

The Estonian Presidency of the Council of the European Union

Every six months, on a rotating schedule, an EU member state becomes the presiding state and is leading the work of the EU Council. In the 2009 Lisbon Treaty, a trio principle for the Presidency was introduced. That means that the Presidency's work program is developed by three countries. Estonia will hold the Presidency for the second half of 2017. This presidency is prioritizing '[Unity through balance.](#)' The Presidency is an opportunity for every member state, regardless of its size or length of membership, to influence the EU agenda and guide EU endeavors.

This year's State of the European Union Address can be watched on [Illinois Media Space](#)



The EUC's promotional video for EU Day can be viewed on [Youtube](#).

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