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A big turnout for the Iris Festival

This Saturday, the Brussels-Capital Region celebrated its 37th anniversary. The programme included Europe Day, organised by the European Union, the Iris Festival in the communes and the Iris Tipik Electro Night, which was attended by more than 20.000 people. A range of activities organised on Sunday added to the festive atmosphere of the weekend.

This weekend, Brussels was abuzz with the festivities of the Iris Festival. On Saturday 9 May, the region celebrated its birthday in style by offering the public a series of free activities.

This year, the Iris Tipik Electro Night - organised in collaboration with RTBF and the European Union - featured an exceptional line-up. More than 20.000 people attended the event and danced to the frenzied beats of renowned DJs Henri PFR and Meduza, amongst others.

Europe Day, organised by the European Union, gave visitors the chance to explore the buildings of the European institutions.

What's more, the communes of Uccle, Etterbeek, Ixelles and Watermael-Boitsfort showcased some of their most beautiful spots and most unexpected corners for the **Iris Festival in the Communes**.

A series of activities were held on Sunday. These included an **Open Day at the Brussels Parliament**, where the discovery route and guided tours of the building were particularly well received. Other **events**, such as Flora Open Air and Kidical Mass, contributed to what was a particularly festive weekend in Brussels.

Minister-President Boris Dilliès: ‘It is always nice to see the people of Brussels celebrating their city. Not only to loud beats, but also to the rhythm of their own democratic institutions. Thank you to everyone who put their weight behind this."

More info at www.irisfestival.brussels.

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