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## European cabaret evening at LernWerk

### **A look back at the event on 28 May 2026 // Cabaret artist Sebastian Schnoy on "The United Dreams of Europe"**

With his show "The United Dreams of Europe", the cabaret artist, speaker and author Sebastian Schnoy captivated his audience on 28 May in the Lernwerk auditorium.

The event was opened by Gudrun Koppers, Deputy Mayor of Bocholt, who in her speech paid tribute to existing European projects and the volunteers who work locally to promote Europe and European values.

She cited, for example, the police station in Dinxperwick, where German and Dutch police officers work together. She also mentioned Europa Union Bocholt e.V., which brought the "Europaaktive Zivilgesellschaft" award to Bocholt.

The second speaker, Peter Wahl, Chairman of Europa Union Bocholt e.V., presented the voluntary work carried out within the association and encouraged people to get involved.

### **"The united dreams of Europe"**

During his programme, Sebastian Schnoy founded his "United States of Europe" together with the audience. In doing so, he convinced his audience, amongst other things, to accept Canada, Scotland and Montenegro as further EU members.

With plenty of humour but also thought-provoking content, he sought to show the audience that the EU is seen as a place of longing by many non-EU countries and refugees from all over the world, and that we Germans in particular often only see the negative side. Schnoy called on the audience to stand up for Europe and against exclusion and totalitarianism, even when it becomes uncomfortable.

Following the programme, visitors were invited to discuss their own wishes and hopes for Europe over drinks and canapés and to jot these down on the paper provided.

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### **About EUROPE DIRECT Bocholt**

EUROPE DIRECT Bocholt is part of the Office of the Mayor and the Executive Board of the City of Bocholt and serves as the local point of contact for questions relating to the European Union. Its role is to provide local residents with information, advice, assistance and answers to questions about Europe. Furthermore, the aim of EUROPE DIRECT Bocholt is to promote engagement with Europe and to provide information on current European political developments.



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*Deputy Mayor Gudrun Koppers opened the event*



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*With his show "The United Dreams of Europe", cabaret artist Sebastian Schnoy wowed the audience at the Lernwerk.*



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*From left to right: Peter W. Wahl (Chairman of Europa-Union Bocholt e.V.), Gudrun Koppers (Deputy Mayor of Bocholt), Sonja Wießmeier (EUROPE DIRECT Bocholt), Sebastian Schnoy (comic)*