

## Durmersheim in Europe

In the Second World War, the world experienced the collapse of the national states of Europe. After that, the peoples of Western Europe grasped the longing for peace and freedom.

With the signing of the Franco-German friendship contract in 1963, the Federal Republic of Germany and France in particular were the engines on the way to the unity of Europe.

This resulted in the desire to get to know each other personally across the borders and to found municipal partnerships. These are long-term connections between two or more communities that vibrate in a solemn oath to work on the European goal of a unit.

The geographical location of Durmersheim already shows that in our community you have always looked outside the box:

We are only a stone's throw away from the Rhine River, on the other side of France and neighbour of the Palatinate, and in the middle of the European north-south axis through the Upper Rhine lowlands. This is reflected in the changeable history as well as in the cosmopolitan attitude of people on site.

That is why it was logical that Durmersheim also joined the Franco-German partnership movement in 1975 and, with Chennevières-sur Marne, sealed a city partnership.

When Chennevières-Sur Marne fraternized with Littlehampton on the English south coast in 1982, Durmersheim also joined this friendship alliance in 1989.