

ERC NEWSLETTER #06 - JULY 16, 2003

<http://www.european-referendum.org>

With a short delay caused by the amazing heat inside the Frankfurt Office here are the latest news about the European Referendum Campaign.

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AND HERE ARE THE NEWS:

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- 1) SUCCESS IN BRUSSELS: CITIZENS INITIATIVE INCLUDED

IN THE LAST INSTANT the Convention on the Future of Europe has come to a compromise and included the - comparatively weak - Citizens Initiative into article 46. Activists of democracy international helped to achieve this success by supporting an email-campaign directed to the members of the presidium on June 9.

Read the amazing story by 'tough guy' Michael Efler:

<http://european-referendum.org/background/back1.html>

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- 2.) ERC MEDIA EVENT IN BRUSSELS

ON JUNE 13, 2003 ACTIVISTS from four countries gathered in Brussels. A

joint resolution signed by 97 convention members and more than 100 NGOs was handed to G. Amato, Vice President of the convention.

A 7 meter high flatable EU Constitution was placed in front of the European Parliament. The convention members Jens-Peter Bonde and

Jürgen Meyer attended the ERC press conference. All these activities have set a strong signal: The citizens must have the last say on the constitution by binding Referenda in all countries concerned.

Press Coverage:

<http://www.european-referendum.org/up/up33.html>

Photos:

<http://www.european-referendum.org/up/up33.html>

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3.) LUXEMBOURG/PORTUGAL: REFERENDUM ANNOUNCED

GOOD NEWS FROM LUXEMBOURG have reached our office: the government has announced the introduction of direct democracy in Luxembourg and declared its will to hold a referendum. This development was influenced by our hard-working activists in Luxembourg.

Read about the announcement of the Prime Minister ...

<http://www.european-referendum.org/up/up40.html>

... and the decision in parliament.

<http://www.european-referendum.org/up/up44.html>

GOOD NEWS FROM PORTUGAL

The prime minister has announced to hold a referendum:

<http://www.european-referendum.org/up/up41.html>

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3.) DEBATE IN SEVERAL COUNTRIES

READ ABOUT THE LATEST development in

Germany

<http://www.european-referendum.org/up/up34.html>

Austria

<http://www.european-referendum.org/up/up37.html>

Spain

<http://www.european-referendum.org/up/up45.html>

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4.) CONGRATULATIONS FRANK BIANCHERI

WITH THE NEWROPEANS DEMOCRACY MARATHON,
Franck Biancheri has entered the European Heroes Top 20 - established
by Time Magazine and based upon voting of 25.000 people.

<http://www.european-referendum.org/up/up42.html>

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5.) NEW READER AVAILABLE

THE READER IS A COMPREHENSIVE DOCUMENTATION on the
Convention and the EU accession process, documenting proposals and
debates around the involvement of citizens into the integration
process. The European Referendum Reader will offer the knowhow on
legal and political aspects of an europeanwide constitutional
referendum as well.

http://european-referendum.org/background/iri_reader1.html

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All the best

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