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1. Referendum in UK announced!

A spectacular U-turn: British Prime Minister Tony Blair has decided to hold a referendum in the United Kingdom. This is a tremendous success of the British campaigners for a referendum. Congratulations!

UK referendum to shape its relations with EU, says Blair
http://www.euobserver.com/index.phtml?sid=18&aid=15250

By organising several events together with Vote 2004 and Democracy Movement - two network partners from the UK - the ERC made its contribution to convince the UK government to 'Let the people decide'.

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2. Domino effect: will France and Germany follow Blairs example… ?

A broad debate has begun since the decision in the UK. Several leading politicians and political groups have emphasised the need for a referendum.

Blair to start referendums domino-effect?
http://www.european-referendum.org/up/up116.html

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3. Press review:

Find a detailed list with articles in German and English language on the current situation in France, Germany and the United Kingdom:

Blairs U-turn
http://www.european-referendum.org/up/up118.html

Europe debates referendums
http://www.european-referendum.org/up/up119.html

Additional information:

Germany and Austria moot Europe-wide constitution referendum
http://www.euobserver.com/index.phtml?sid=18&aid=15320

Spotlight shifts to Chirac on referendum
http://www.euobserver.com/index.phtml?sid=18&aid=15283

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4. New material about direct democracy in Europe available

The Initiative and Referendum Institute has published a DVD and a
book about direct democracy,
The DVD with Videos (54 min.) can be ordered by
sending a request to info@iri-europe.org.

The material is also available online:
http://www.swissworld.org/dvd_rom/eng/direct_democracy_2004/index.html

The new IRI Almanac "Direct Democracy in Europe" was released and
can be ordered here:
http://www.cap-press.com/books/1342

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