

Newsletter: Democracy International Foundation Statement

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1) FOUNDATION STATEMENT

Our Founding Statement was discussed and accepted by all participants of the founding meeting of democracy international on February 19, 2005 in Brussels. It is the basic document for our common work.

The next meeting will take place on May 21 in Brussels.

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2) SPANISH REFERENDUM: MONITORING REPORT

The monitoring report evaluates the fairness of the process in Spain using internationally recognized standards for a referendum. The Spanish example is important with regard to the upcoming nine referendums.

The author is Juan Carlos Madroñal from Mas Democracia, Spain.

www.european-referendum.org/up/up161.html

3) MORE DEMOCRACY RELOADED

An updated version of the discussion paper “More Democracy in Europe” is available.

In May 2002 we published a paper edited by Michael Efler. It presents visionary ideas about the necessity of two elements of direct democracy:

- a) referendums on all steps deepening European integration in all countries concerned, and
- b) a three-step procedure for direct democracy in the EU .

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4) EUROPEAN REFERENDUM TIMING

Three countries have set the date for holding a referendum on the EU Constitution. In Portugal the debate is coming to an end:

Portugal to vote on EU Constitution in December

www.euobserver.com

Polish referendum 25 September

www.european-referendum.org/up/up160.html

France: Referendum on May 29

www.european-referendum.org/up/up157.html

Denmark: EU referendum in September

www.european-referendum.org/up/up155.html

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