

Newsletter: Figure of the month 82%

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0) EDITORIAL: GERMANY HAS VOTED

by Ronald Pabst

German voters have decided. For a direct democrat one point is remarkable. Nearly two thirds of the representatives are belonging to parties which promote direct democracy (at least officially).

The majority to change the constitution is so near like never before...

At the end of this issue I have added a tip: Shortly after I started working for the European Referendum Campaign I met Harald Greib

who wrote a novel offering a look behind the scenes of European policy making. I enjoyed proofreading the cheerful and stimulating novel.

It is available now.

1) FIGURE OF THE MONTH: 82 %

Between 1998 and 2004 more than 80% of all new legislation for Germany was 'made in Brussels'. This is what the German

Ministry of Justice stated in answering an official question by the German member of parliament Johannes Singhammer.

Please find all data here:

www.democracy-international.org/singhammer.html

2) REMINDER: DI MEETING

Our next meeting will take place in Brussels on October 15 (10:30 - 17:00).

More information:

www.democracy-international.org/nextmeeting.html

3) PARLIAMENTARIANS WANT EU WIDE REFERENDUM

Many members of the European Parliament are in favour of a European wide referendum in 2009. Some Parliamentarians suggest that the referendum should be about the outcomes of a newly and directly elected Convention.

Read more

www.democracy-international.org/committee.html

4) BERLIN MIT DER BITTE UM WEISUNG

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A German diplomat who does not want to be one. His girlfriend

Julia, who wants to marry him for his salary. A French top official - brilliant in making enemies. A German EU Ambassador...

These are some of the ingredients of the novel by Harald Greib (*1961).

He studied law in Heidelberg, Aix-en-Provence, Montpellier, Karlsruhe and Geneva. Afterwards he worked for ten years as head of an advisory department for the German Ministry of the Interior and the Permanent Mission of Germany at the EU in Brussels including two years at the French Ministry of the Interior.

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The book is published in German.

Find more information and a possibility to get a copy:

www.berlinmitbitteumweisung.de.vu

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