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by Ronald Pabst

Twenty-five people from a variety of different European NGOs gathered in Brussels to talk about the chances for a campaign promoting the quick implementation of the European Citizens' Initiative (ECI).

At the meeting, I saw a lot of new faces. This was encouraging. The follow-up meeting will be organised in Brussels on 20 January. You are invited to join us.

In this newsletter you will find a report from the meeting and a summary of some of the contradictory statements politicians have recently made in answer to the question: Is the ratification process of the

EU constitution stopped or merely interrupted? We also present an English version of our paper on referendums in Bavaria since some of you have asked us for a translation. There are also details about our meetings in Brussels and Berlin.

1) INSIDE BRUSSELS: ALLIANCE FOR DEMOCRACY

This time our Brussels correspondent reports about the ECI-meeting in Brussels on 15. December.

www.democracy-international.org/insidebrussels-nr3.html

2) DEAD AND ALIVE: THE EU CONSTITUTION

Europe's top politicians are not sure how to proceed with the EU Constitution. Here is an overview of the proposals made in January and the remarkable reaction from a pro-European member of the Dutch Parliament.

www.democracy-international.org/dead-and-alive.html

3) BAVARIA: 835 REFERENDUMS - ENGLISH VERSION

Bavarians benefit from some of the best conditions in Germany concerning local referendums. Now we have published an English paper evaluating the experiences.

More information available at:

www.democracy-international.org/papers.html

4) REMINDER: DEMOCRACY INTERNATIONAL SCHEDULE

20 JAN 05 - ECI MEETING IN BRUSSELS

www.democracy-international.org/eci-meeting.html

27/28 JAN 06 - CONFERENCE IN BERLIN

www.democracy-international.org/berlin-conference.html

29 JAN 06 - DI MEETING IN BERLIN

www.democracy-international.org/next-meeting.html

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