



Newsletter: Direct Democracy Navigator

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We have started a unique global information and collaboration platform on direct democracy: the Navigator to Direct Democracy. Our project partner is the Initiative and Referendum Institute Europe.

The website itself is a project which needs your collaboration: Together we can feature all available procedures, practices and events of modern direct democracy in all countries.

In order to facilitate collaboration, we believe that a standardized approach is necessary and we will therefore make reference to a common typology (instruments) of popular vote procedures on substantive issues.

You are most welcome to browse the Navigator as a user and to participate in developing this new tool by becoming a commentator, contributor or editor of the Navigator: direct-democracy-navigator.org

Please use the new tool and send your remarks or questions to our editor Dr. Klaus Hofmann (klaus.hofmann@mehr-demokratie.de).

Regards

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1. Website for ECI: Official Homepage

On January 26 the EU Commission presented the homepage for the ECI. It provides information on all citizens' initiatives, it explains the rules, and enables everybody to launch an initiative:

ec.europa.eu/citizens-initiative/public/welcome

2. Island

"Let the banks fail." This is a conclusion one might have looking at the development in Iceland. But does a closer look change this impression? Read the report by Carsten Berg.

democracy-international.org/iceland.html

3. Events 2012

There are four events about direct democracy on the agenda: The most important is our summer academy from July 13 to 15. It will take place probably in Bulgaria. Save the date, we will soon publish more information. Please find an overview about upcoming events here:

www.democracy-international.org/events.html

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