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Newsletter: Back to work - new logo and EU convention

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Dear members and friends of Democracy International,

I hope you had a good summer break. Democracy International goes back to work with a new visual design: Since first September two ascending, pastel green leaves embody Democracy International and its central theme, which is to strengthen direct democracy in Europe and the world. Also have a look at our new logo on our Facebook-Page:

www.facebook.com/di.democracyinternational

Decisive months for European democracy lie ahead of us. Will there soon be an EU convention after all the talk by leading politicians during the summer (for example Chancellor Merkel, see news number 3)? For Democracy International, an EU convention is the means for a more democratic Europe and a better life for EU citizens – A convention is the means to diminish the influence of banks, markets and politicians taking decisions behind closed doors.

In view of realising an EU convention we just started with a new website to gather relevant news and info at www.more-democracy-in-europe.org. Sign up to the alliance of NGOs that support an EU convention and please contact me if you have any suggestions for the site. Also, enjoy the read of this newsletter.

Best wishes from Cologne,
Cora Pfafferott

1. Democracy International has a new logo

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www.democracy-international.org/9059.html

2. Direct Democracy in the Making in the Dolomites

The civic committee “Più Democrazia in Trentino” has achieved tangible results with their initiative to introduce more and better direct democracy in Trentino, an autonomous province in Northern Italy, renowned for the Dolomites that form part of the Alps.

<http://www.democracy-international.org/direct-democracy-trentino.html>

3. Merkel on EU Convention during German primetime

German Chancellor Angela Merkel has fuelled the debate about an EU convention to elaborate a new treaty for the EU. In a TV interview broadcasted on Germany’s first public channel on Sunday, 25 August 2012, Ms Merkel made clear that Europe must take steps towards more European integration and that the question of how to change existing EU Treaties must be discussed.

www.democracy-international.org/9035.html

4. ECI: Signature collection with Commission servers to solve problems

The European Commission has offered organisers of European citizens' initiatives (ECIs) to host their online collection systems of signatures on its own servers and to extend the one-year deadline for the collection of signatures.

www.democracy-international.org/eci-onlinecollection-signatures.html

5. “30 million Moroccans love their King”

Democracy International in an interview with Sarra El Idrissi, a political activist from Féz, on the uprising in Morocco in 2011 and the reasons why the protesters demand(ed) a parliamentary monarchy and not a democratic republic.

www.democracy-international.org/arabspring-morocco.html

6. Referendum on Nuclear Power in Bulgaria - The good and the bad news

Bulgaria is most likely to have a national referendum on its second nuclear power on the Danube early next year. The referendum will be held on “Belene” – a long pending project that had been discontinued earlier this year by a decision of the ruling party GERB.

www.democracy-international.org/nuclearpower-referendum-bulgaria.html

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