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The NEWS-UPDATE concerning the European Referendum Campaign

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HERE ARE THE NEWS:

- 1.) ERC: DEBATE GETS HOT - EUROPE WIDE DAY OF ACTION
- 2.) NETHERLANDS WILL HAVE A REFERENDUM
- 3.) EU PARLIAMENT IN FAVOUR OF REFERENDA
- 4.) EUROPEANS WANT REFERENDA

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1.) EUROPEAN REFERENDUM CAMPAIGN

RIGHT NOW the decisive phase of the European Referendum Campaign has begun. In several countries a broad debate about holding a referendum has started. The number of "sure" countries has increased to seven. The Netherlands have entered this group of progressive countries. Finland's premier does not exclude a referendum anymore. In Britain a huge campaign is about to start.

To make a point to the IGC in December in Rome we're thinking about a Europe-wide event which will happen in - let's say - 15 or more European capitals, combined with an - at least - doubled list of ERC supporter organisations. So at the same day - e.g. Nov 29 or Dec 6 - in more than 15 countries, activists will carry out a symbolic act to show that about 80% of the European people are in favour of a referendum on the EU constitution. We will coordinate the event and support you with all needed materials. Right now we are searching for a cunning idea how to present our issue.

Suggestions are very welcome. And please tell us whether you could coordinate or would contribute to the event in your country.
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2.) NETHERLANDS HAVE DECIDED TO HOLD A REFERENDUM

THE DUTCH PARLIAMENT has decided to hold a consultative referendum on the EU-Constitution. The Prime Minister has declared to respect the result. Therefore the number of progressive countries has increased: Seven.

Read the insider report by Arjen Nijeboer:
<http://www.european-referendum.org/up/up53.html>

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3.) EU PARLIAMENT IN FAVOUR OF REFERENDA

Eurosceptics and federalists within the European Parliament are backing the idea of a referendum. A draft report has been adopted with a clear majority by the Constitutional Committee. Now the member states are asked to organise a referendum on the Constitution, if possible on the same day as the elections to the European Parliament.

Click here for an overview of further news concerning referenda on the EU constitution:
<http://european-referendum.org/up/index.html>

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4.) Europeans want Referenda

An opinion poll paid by the Commission has confirmed: In all European

countries there exist a strong will for a referendum on the constitution among the population: 80% are in favour. 25.000 persons from all member states and 10 accession countries have been asked about the EU-constitution. Read more about the result:
<http://www.european-referendum.org/up/up47.html>

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All the best

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