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The European Citizens' Initiative

Toothless Tiger - Or an Open Door for the People?

PROGRAMME

Wednesday 12 May 2010
14:30-18:00

14:30	***INTRODUCTION*** **Rebecca Harms**, Co-President of the Greens/EFA Group of the European Parliament
	KEYNOTE SPEAKERS
14:35	**Prof. Jürgen Meyer**, Former member of the German Bundestag as well as of the Convention on the Future of Europe and the Convention on the Charter of Fundamental Rights
14:45	**Maro? ?ef?ovi?**, Vice-President of the European Commission, responsible for Inter-Institutional Relations and Administration
14:45	**Bruno Kaufmann**, Director of the Initiative & Referendum Institute Europe (IRI)
15:05	**Gerald Häfner**, Coordinator of the Green/EFA group in the Committee on Constitutional Affairs and member of the Committee on Petitions of the European Parliament
	OPEN DISCUSSION
15:15	Introduction of the questions by **Gerald Häfner**
15:20	How representative shall a European Citizens' Initiative be and what should be the minimum number of Member States? (Art.7)
15:40	Which rules and procedures should be established for the collection and

	verification of signatures? (Art. 5, 6, 9, 12, 14)
16:20	Which rules shall apply for checking the admissibility of an ECI?(Art. 4, 8)
16:40	How should European institutions respond to a successful ECI? (Art. 11)
17:10	Do ECI organisers need support for setting up an initiative?
	CONCLUSIONS AND FOLLOW-UP
17:30	**Eva Lichtenberger**, Vice-President of the Greens/EFA in the European Parliament
17:40	**Isabelle Durant**, Vice-President of the European Parliament and Member of the Greens/EFA in the European Parliament
17:50	**Gerald Häfner**, Coordinator of the Green/EFA group in the Committee on Constitutional Affairs and member of the Committee on Petitions of the European Parliament

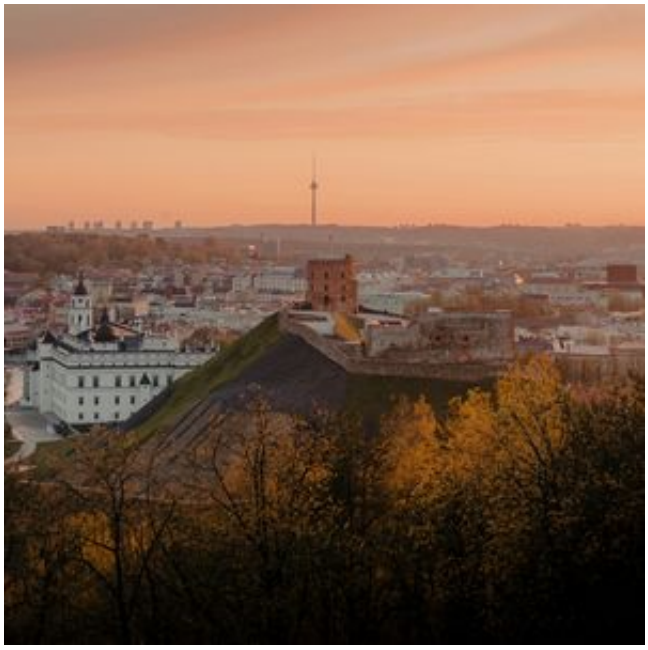
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Background paper: The European Citizens' Initiative Proposal of the European Commission on the European Citizens' Initative ***Further information:***

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