

AMENDMENT FORM

Suggestion for amendment of Article: 34a

Suggestion for Part III

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Article 34a: Direct Democracy/European Citizens' Legislation

- 1) Citizens of Europe have the right to participate in the legislative activity of the European Union by means of the European Citizens' Initiative, the European Citizens' Demand and the European Citizens' Referendum.**
- 2) If 0,1% of the European citizens entitled to vote sign a European Citizens' Initiative, and no more than half of the signatures come from a single member state, the initiators of the initiative have a right to have their initiative debated in the relevant organs of the European Union.**
- 3) If 1% of the European citizens entitled to vote representing at least 1,5% of the population in at least one-third of the Member States, give their signatures to a European Citizens' Demand within 1 year, a European Citizens' Referendum will be held on the subject of the Citizens' Demand, unless the relevant organs of the European Union adopted the Demand unchanged.**
- 4) Any fundamental changes of the constitution decided on by the relevant organs of the European Union must be submitted for approval by the citizens of Europe in a referendum.**

- 5) **A European Citizens' Referendum is accepted if the majority of those voting were in favour and a majority was also in favour in more than half of the member states. For changes to the constitution, there must be a majority in at least half of the states representing two-thirds of the population of the Union.**

- 6) **Further provisions that also regulate a fair and balanced dissemination of information to the public through an elected referendum commission and an information leaflet to all households are to be laid down in an European law.**

Explanation (if any) : Der Weg der Union hin zu einer doppelten Legitimation durch die Mitgliedstaaten einerseits und durch die Bürgerinnen und Bürger der Union andererseits ist bereits mit der Schaffung eines direkt gewählten Parlaments eingeschlagen worden. Er soll nun durch direkt demokratische Instrumente ergänzt und weiter entwickelt werden.