

Statements Of Beliefs

As part of an independent network of organisations and individuals from all over Europe, we think that for the sake of the EU, urgent reforms are needed. The crucial requirements of these reforms are not met by the current draft Constitution. Supporters of the network may have different reasons why this project must be stopped. But we all believe that if the proposed EU Constitution is ratified the negative consequences outnumber the positive aspects. Therefore we consider this draft as counterproductive to the future of Europe and recommend that the citizens of Europe say 'no' to this EU Constitution. A 'no' would not be the end of the EU, but the start of a fruitful debate in the sense of the Laeken declaration that would bring the EU closer to its citizens.



If your organisation agrees on this statement, become a supporter of the ENC network at:
www.europeannocampaign.com

Dear supporters and friends,



Only a democratic EU, fully engaged with Europe's citizens, can succeed. This idea was part of the Laeken Declaration. It posed many basic and crucial questions about the future of the EU. The proposed Constitution is not the proper answer to those questions.

The proposed EU Constitution means even less democracy and will make future reform impossible. This EU Constitution will continue the process of alienation between the EU and its citizens. This could only be reduced by having an honesty debate with the European citizens about how they want to live together and what they expect of the further development of Europe. The Convention on the Future of Europe missed that chance. If the Constitution is ratified, this chance will be gone for a long time.

The rejection of the Constitution is the first step towards creating such a Europe, and bringing about a fruitful and real debate.

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**If you are in favour of EU reform
and you think the draft
EU Constitution must be rejected**

...support the ENC network!



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Time to act

Launching the European No Campaign

At the moment, eleven countries plan to hold a referendum on the draft EU Constitution. It is highly likely that there will be even more.

The European No Campaign (ENC) is an independent, cross party network of parties and NGOs which will bring together 'no' campaigners and supporters of EU reform in a Europe-wide network.

This is a unique opportunity. If the proposed EU Constitution is ratified, the chance to create a democratic, efficient and fair Europe will be lost.

Two years of activity

Every EU member state must ratify the Constitution within a two year period starting from the EU Constitution Treaty signing on 29 October 2004.

The first referendum will be in Spain (February 2005), the last is likely to take place by the autumn of 2006.

The ENC has been set up to co-ordinate anti-Constitution activity during this period. It has a simple objective: to maximize the 'no' vote in every EU referendum on the Constitution. After the last referendum has been held we will close it down.



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Vote 'no' for real change

It's time for reform, NOT the EU Constitution

The supporters of the network are committed to EU membership. But we believe this Constitution completely fails to live up to the expectations set up by the Laeken Declaration.



We are also united in the belief that the EU status quo isn't working. Only a wide-ranging reform debate can re-engage Europe's citizens with the EU's institutions, and will enable the EU to meet the challenges of the future.

A 'no' vote will make this debate possible. The alternative is to set the EU's current problems in stone, and make future reform impossible.

"If the proposed Constitution is ratified now, all its unwanted features, false compromises and the lack of democracy will be set in stone."

Different views - one focus

The ENC supporters represent different views on Europe's future. The ENC will not look to influence the reform debate. Its single purpose is to stop the draft Constitution. What happens afterwards is up to Europe's people and politicians.

Let's make it a success story

Many examples show how people of different political backgrounds can work constructively together, and achieve a common goal. Significant synergies and political advantages can derive from a strategic alliance of organisations that normally oppose each other.

"An EU Constitution must be the result of a process that is initiated and supported by the people."

Tasks of the network

The task of the network is to show that it is possible to be pro European and oppose this Constitution. Planned activities are:

- => an exchange of information
- => a collection of general arguments
- => mutual consultation among the members
- => coordination of strategies,
- => common activities, events, media relations
- => a regularly updated homepage etc.

These activities will help to raise a voice across Europe that is heard by the media and Europe's citizens, who in the end will say 'no' to the draft EU Constitution.

How you can help

Become a part of the European No Campaign

The ENC is open to networks, NGOs and political parties from across the EU. Most organisations simply lend their name to our campaign. This support is very valuable to us.

If you want to do more:

- + Take part in an exchange of information
- + Help us to find more supporters
- + Participate in ENC events
- + Support us financially

