

Unabhängige Bürgerinitiative

für ein Referendum über den EU-Vertrag

WEDNESDAY DEMONSTRATIONS
for a referendum against the Lisbon Treaty!

On April 25th, your representatives in the Bundestag will ratify the Lisbon Treaty. What you share in common with them is that neither of you knows what is really in the Treaty! The head of the unofficial committee charged by Angela Merkel and the EU commission to rewrite the constitutional treaty rejected by the people of France and Holland, avowed last July in an interview with BBC that it **was released intentionally in an “unreadable” version to prevent any public debate**. Since then, no significant debate had been organized by political parties and press medias. **The ongoing ratification thus resembles more a coup than a “union”**. The 27 European “nation-states” will officially become “member states” and more than 50 competency domains will be transferred to the EU or will not require unanimity anymore (justice, police, energy, immigration, foreign policy, etc.). Thus **economic, diplomatic and military policy will essentially be given to the unelected EU commission** and the future EU President and EU High Representative for the Common Foreign and Security Policy (i.e. foreign minister).

French citizen and activist Etienne Chouard has made clear in a Manifesto published on the internet on April 8th that **“only the people have the political legitimacy to set and restrict the power of their representatives, through a referendum and a real public debate”**. In 2005 his private initiative changed the course of events in France and went on to play a significant role in the “No” vote against the EU-Constitution. His 10-page case against the constitutional treaty got 1 million hits on the internet and was spontaneously printed by hundreds of thousands people during the last few weeks before the referendum. He has now called on European citizens to **unite in a peaceful resistance against the Lisbon treaty and EU illegitimate regime**, in the spirit of the 1989 “Monday Demonstrations”. He writes: **“before the wall fell, East Germans were demonstrating every Monday at six o’clock to forcefully declare “We are the people!” Sometimes a handful, sometimes tens of thousands, they were always there, visible. This courageous stand in constant resistance can inspire us in our struggle against the despotic process at play with these unconstitutional European treaties”**

Within a week of his call, on Wednesday April 16th, demonstrators using white as a symbol of peace and non-partisanship spontaneously gathered in 8 French cities. In Berlin and Essen in the past weeks there has also been demonstrations in reply to his call and in cities such as Stuttgart and Leipzig a strong resistance is building. The movement has also spread to Italy where a demonstrations have taken place in the city-centre of Milan.

Therefore, we call on you to join these demonstrations or to organize one in your town, neighbourhood or village. Even if you start small it will make a big difference, because **hundreds of small demos everywhere in Europe will show the determination of Europeans’ nations citizens to fight in their common interest against any form of dictatorship**, especially in times where national political elites, the European Commission and particularly the ECB have all failed to assure the general welfare of the people of Europe and the world. The present hyperinflation and shortages of food as well as the collapse of major banks such as IKB, Citigroup, Northern Rock and Sachsen LB, are **alarming signals** impelling us to assert the people’s authority over the institutions. **Enough is enough and it is time to act!**

WHAT YOU CAN DO!

- Join or create a Wednesday demonstration (non-partisan, the symbol is white)
- Copy/print this leaflet and make it known!