



**European Movement
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The European Movement asks the Member States to continue the ratification of the Constitutional Treaty and to implement a “D” Plan for citizens’ better participation.

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1. Every country and every people has the right and also the duty to express its opinion on the European Constitution. No Member State can block the political will of another Member State. The unanimous agreement to submit the Treaty to ratification must be respected (*Pacta sunt servanda*).

2. The process of ratification must not be stopped but must continue on the basis of the text of the Constitution. Every Member State decides about the timing and the method of its ratification.

II

3. We have to analyse the reasons for voting “No” in the referenda and respond to the concerns and fears that have been raised by the people about the economic, social and employment crisis in the EU. Questions regarding identity and sovereignty and those concerning democracy and transparency in the EU have to be closely examined.

4. We need great debate about the future of Europe and policies of the European Union. The European Movement International supports a “D” (democracy) plan for better communication and participation for all citizens throughout Europe. We urge new mechanisms to ensure an ongoing European debate linking discussions at all levels in 25 Member States.

III

5. In the meantime the EU has to prove its capability to act decisively. There must be no vacuum or retreat in European policy making. In particular the financial perspectives 2007-2013, the Lisbon Strategy, the fight against international crime and terrorism, the protection of the world environment and Europe’s positions on international policies must be achieved.

6. Europe must now show that it is able to master this crisis. Return to nationalism is not the answer.