

7 Demands for Plan D

1. Cooperation agreement instead of constitution

The constitution is dead. Instead of a complicated constitution and the Nice Treaty with priority over the national constitution, we want a cooperation agreement (around 50 articles on 20 pages). Countries that don't wish to join the cooperation agreement can choose a free trade agreement instead.

The European Council should establish a working group with equal numbers of supporters and opponents of the Constitution in order to present a proposal of rules which is flexible enough to let them unite instead of divide Europe, as we have seen the Constitution do.

2. Openness and transparency as the main rule

Openness and full access to documents will be the main rule. Any exceptions shall be approved with 75 % support. The Ombudsman, the Court of Auditors and the EU-Parliament shall be able to control all expenditures.

3. Commissioners who shall be elected and can be fired

The commissioners should be elected by - and be responsible to - the citizens in every country. Every country elects its own commissioner and holds him/her responsible for the voting in the Commission. The administration of the European portfolio is controlled by the EU-Parliament, the Council of Ministers, the Ombudsman, the Court of Auditors and the EU-Court.

4. 75 % majority in the Council with the right to veto

Laws are adopted with unanimity or 75 % majority among the member states (representing 50 % of the population) and ordinary majority in the EU-Parliament. There should be the opportunity for veto, when a national Parliament votes against a proposal for EU-law and requests the prime minister to bring up the case at the next summit.

5. Subsidiarity principle controlled from the bottom upwards

The subsidiarity principle is to be controlled by the national parliaments. The existing 100,000 pages of legislation are to be revised critically, and the main part should be eliminated or sent back to the member states.

6. Greater flexibility and minimum conditions

Laws should be approved as a common set of minimum standards which gives the member states more flexibility and possibility to have a higher level of protection of security, health, environment, working conditions, social conditions and consumer protection.

7. Enhanced cooperation instead of compulsory union

Foreign and security policy, the euro cooperation and the rules of law should not be an obligatory part of the cooperation but can be transferred to an enhanced cooperation if desired by the individual countries. Defence should be completely separated from the Union.

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