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Voorstel van decreet in het Waals parlement betreffende de gewestelijke volksraadpleging
http://nautilus.parlement-wallon.be/Archives/2014_2015/DECRET/79_1.pdf

Groen-parlements lid Wouter Van Besien wil volksraadplegingen mogelijk maken. Hij denkt daarvoor aan Vlaamse thema's zoals ruimtelijke ordening, natuur, energie of mobiliteit. Dat schrijft De Standaard in zijn ochtendkrant.

http://www.standaard.be/cnt/dmf20150702_01760536?utm_source=facebook&utm_medium=social&utm_term=dso&utm_content=article&utm_campaign=seeding

Tot voor enkele jaren liepen alle pleidooien voor Vlaamse volksraadplegingen te pletter op de grondwet. Grondwettelijk waren alleen lokale referenda mogelijk. Maar de jongste staatshervorming heeft daar verandering in gebracht, onder meer op aandringen van toenmalig Groen-voorzitter Wouter Van Besien. Die doet nu in het Vlaams Parlement ook de volgende stap. Hij dient een voorstel van bijzonder decreet in om de volksraadpleging op Vlaams niveau mogelijk te maken.

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L'INITIATIVE

L'initiative populaire fédérale pour un Conseil national représentatif propose de modifier l'article 149 de la Constitution afin de palier aux aspects dépassés du modèle actuel. Son but est que chaque citoyen puisse potentiellement recevoir un jour une lettre lui annonçant qu'il est appelé à siéger au Conseil national pour une législature de quatre ans, non renouvelable. Il peut refuser, car cela ne correspond pas à ce qu'il souhaite. Ou il peut accepter. Exit les désuètes élections.

Groeten,
Bert

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Greek drama shows need for democratic revolution

Ahead of the popular vote in Greece on the bailout terms this Sunday (5 July 2015), Democracy International demands the EU to adopt proper forms of modern direct democracy - and to make the EU fully democratic.

"The upcoming popular vote in Greece on two key documents by the so-called Troika demonstrates the incompatibility between national democracies and international economic governance regimes. This conflict has led to the fatalistic situation of handling ad-hoc responsibility to the Greek people in an instant plebiscite. While appreciating the involvement of the Greek people, this is definitely an unlucky exercise of real direct democracy" states Bruno Kaufmann, board member of Democracy International.

Last Saturday the Greek government had announced to hold a "referendum" on the Troika's reform proposals. Yet, far from being a form of modern direct democracy, this move is highly problematic for several reasons. First, there is basically no institutional tradition in the cultural context in Greece: the last nationwide vote on substantive issues dates back to 1974, when the Greek people decided whether to replace the military regime with a monarchy or a republic (and subsequently opted for a republic). Second, "plebiscitarian" features dominate in this vote: the ruling power in Greece decided to "delegate" the vote to the people without allowing sufficient time for deliberation and comprehensive information. Third, the plebiscite-referendum clearly shows also the European Union's lacking political will to establish democratic infrastructures on all political levels.

"In the EU it is simply not enough to refer to things we do not like such as war, violence, or human rights abuse. We need much more political will, resources and time to establish and develop sustainable democratic infrastructures on all political levels. The EU Treaty establishes direct citizens' participation as a fundamental pillar of modern democracy. So it is time to take the proper democratic functioning more seriously and to actually implement adequate long-term democratic and inclusive instruments, such as a democratic European Convention and a properly-functioning European Citizens' Initiative", so Bruno Kaufmann on behalf of Democracy International, which has been campaigning for more democracy at the EU level for the last 20 years.

Article 11 of the "EU Lisbon Treaty" establishes direct citizens participation as a fundamental pillar of modern democracy, including a European Citizens' Initiative that allows more than one million citizens to submit a law proposal to the European Commission. Article 48 of the EU Treaty foresees a European Convention when the core legal fundamentals of the European Union are concerned. In the format of an open, democratic and transparent assembly, politicians, citizens and stakeholders could commonly debate and decide on Europe's future.

"If these articles would be implemented properly in order to include citizens in the EU's fundamental future decision-making, Greece and Europe would be in this very different situation today. So we need to learn from this and put more efforts into making European democracy truly democratic", Bruno Kaufmann concludes his remarks.

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