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Can We Change European Policy?

Yes. We Can!



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What do we need for a change of European policy?

1. European legislation being on our side
2. Strong and co-operative partnerships across Europe
3. Executive team of citizens' initiative
4. Public confidence in our initiative
5. High quality P.R. of European initiatives

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European legislation on our side

1. On 7th December 2004, the European Parliament approved resolution no. A6-0067 / 2004 (Catanni report), but conclusions are not yet implemented
2. The Court of Justice, Josemans C-137/09, 16th December 2010 (paragraphs 36 to 38 of the judgment): recognizes the right to treatment and research for cannabis
3. The Court of Justice, Kokopelli C 59/11, 12th July 2012: recognizes the right to cultural diversity of plants for a commercial activity
4. Liberation judgments of the Supreme Courts of EU Member States
5. **European Citizens' Initiative: EU Regulation No. 211/2011**

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European situation in 2017:

1. European legislation is on our side
2. We are able to create strong partnerships
3. We are able to build a strong executive team
4. We are able to gain a public confidence
5. We are able to create a good quality PR

Points 2 to 5 can be discussed later

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Targets a draft of the Cannabis Europe Citizens Initiative :

1. Release of political prisoners
2. Decriminalization and halting the prohibition of non-alcoholic drugs: regulation, patient accessibility and research, education, prevention and harm reduction
3. Compensation of the victims

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The European Citizens' Initiative as a tool for a change

<http://ec.europa.eu/citizens-initiative/public/how-to-register>

The European Parliament will discuss the initiative if:

1. the draft of initiative is well prepared technically and materially
2. the European Commission is prepared to register the initiative - the registration criteria are met
3. the executive team of the citizens' initiative is initiated by at least seven EU Member States and each of these has an alternate and a clear role
4. on-line system creating for collecting signatures – registration
5. rules: at least one million signatures of EU citizens and meeting of the limit for seven EU countries after registration of the initiative by the European Commission within 12 months

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If you want to contribute to a change in
European policy

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Thank you for your attention.

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