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CITIZENS FROM SEVEN EUROPEAN COUNTRIES INTRODUCE TRUST AND FREEDOM INITIATIVE AS EUROPEAN CITIZENS' INITIATIVE (ECI)

On the 4th of July, seven citizens from different European countries unveiled an influential proposal for the new European Citizens' Initiative (ECI) known as **Trust and Freedom.** This initiative, inspired by Switzerland's direct democracy tools and introduced in the Treaty of Lisbon in 2007, aims to increase direct citizen participation in shaping EU policies.

The **Trust and Freedom Initiative** is a resolute response to the power consolidation observed in governments and institutions, where extensive negotiations with non-governmental and non-transparent organizations, such as the World Health Organization (WHO), occur. Citizens express concerns about the looming threat to freedom of choice, particularly regarding personal health decisions, as well as a loss of trust in governmental institutions negotiating legal documents such as amendments to the International Health Regulations (IHR) and the proposed WHO Treaty.

The seven citizens behind the Trust and Freedom initiative are:

Ms Justyna Walker (Poland)

Mr Mattias Desmet (Belgium)

Ms Maria Hubmer-Mogg (Austria)

Mr Alexander Christ (Germany)

Mr Ladislav Vrabel (Czech Republic)

Ms Isabel Eliseu Arroseiro de Mesquita (Portugal)

Mr Georgi Todorov (Bulgaria)

These citizens, representing the collective voice of concerned individuals from across Europe, have taken the initiative to directly address their concerns and advocate for greater trust and freedom within the European Union.

The announcement of the initiative proposal took place at the European Parliament in Brussels on the 4th of July and received support from notable Members of the European Parliament:
• Christine Anderson (Germany)
• Cristian Terheș (Romania)
• Ivan Vilibor Sinčić (Croatia)
• Mislav Kolakušić (Croatia)
• Virginie Joron (France)

These MEPs recognize the significance of the Trust and Freedom initiative in safeguarding individual freedoms and promoting it within the European Union.

The Trust and Freedom initiative represents a united effort by citizens across Europe to directly address their concerns through the ECI process. To amplify their impact, a three-hour debate was held in the European Parliament in Brussels, where Members of the European Parliament and esteemed panelists from around the world voiced their opinions.

Philipp Kruse, Dr. Peter McCullough, MP Andrew Bridgen, Fiona Hine, Dr. David E. Martin, Gerald Hauser, Nataniel Pawlowski, Pastor Artur Pawlowski, and Nick Hudson, shared their expertise and insights during the debate, contributing to the development and significance of the Trust and Freedom initiative.
The Trust and Freedom initiative is committed to keeping the public informed about its progress in the coming weeks. Regular updates and detailed information about the initiative can be found on the official website at **www.euci.info.**
Interested individuals can also contact the team via **contact@euci.info** and follow the initiative on Twitter **@TrustAndFreedom**

"We believe that **Trust and Freedom** is a powerful response to the challenges we face, and we are committed to safeguarding individual freedoms within the European Union," said the spokesperson for the initiative. "We invite citizens across Europe to join us in this important endeavour and make their voices heard."

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About Trust and Freedom:
Trust and Freedom is a European Citizens' Initiative (ECI)