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Learning from the Member States

What can the ECI and the EU learn from national agenda-setting initiatives?

ECI Day workshop – Brussels, 2 April 2019

Organised by **Bertelsmann Stiftung, The ECI Campaign
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OVERVIEW

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WARMING UP EXERCISE

- The moderator will read out a statement and you will respond accordingly:
 - In case you **agree** or identify with the statement, you **stand up** from your chair
 - In case you **disagree** or do not identify with the statement, you **stay seated**
 - In case of **doubt**, feel free to hover some **inches above your seat**
- We go to the next statement



Part 1 - Panel: Taking stock – the ECI & 3 national citizens' initiatives

Christian Huesmann, Project Manager at Bertelsmann Stiftung

Maija Setälä, Professor of Political Science at the Department of Philosophy, Contemporary History and Political Science at the University of Turku, Finland

Toñi Vazquez, activist for housing rights in the PAH – Stop Evictions (Platform of People Affected by Mortgages), Spain

Annija Emersone, Community Manager at ManaBalss.lv, Latvia

Moderation: **Maarten de Groot**, European Programme Officer at Democracy International



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Part 2 - Group work: How to create a more successful ECI?

Introduction by **Carsten Berg**, Director at The ECI Campaign

Group 1 (Carsten, Annija - JDE 63): **How to strengthen the digital participation infrastructure for the ECI?**

Group 2 (Christian, Toñi – JDE 63): **How to lower the bureaucratic hurdles and how to strengthen the institutional support for the ECI?**

Group 3 (Maarten, Maija – JDE 60): **How to strengthen the political impact of and how to increase the public awareness about the ECI?**



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