



To prepare and launch a European Citizens' Initiative

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Dear Pia Kjærsgaard,

we would be very interested to hear your views on the "European Credit Initiative", the European Citizens' Initiative (ECI) which we are preparing. We are planning to begin collecting the required 1 million signatures in 2018 and are hoping for broad support from Denmark.

We are proposing an addition to the statute of the European System of Central Banks and of the ECB. Business enterprises as well as associative groupings of these should be able to receive special credit facilities if they use the revenue they generate not only to finance those tasks which cover their own costs, but also those tasks which are not self-financing - such as public services, schools and hospitals, protection of the environment, and also cultural activities and much more.

It is our hope that this would foster a fundamental understanding - and then its practical implementation - of economic activity as a whole seen in terms of its social responsibility to operate in accordance with real needs and with a commitment to the common good. This would enable the pressure on public expenditure to be significantly relieved, since economic activities that have so far been organised by the state could now be decentralised and carried out by self-organised local bodies working cooperatively.

We are hoping that our initiative will spark a wide debate on the topic in the runup to the 2019 European Parliament elections - and be seen not least also as an impulse for the strengthening of the shared European identity.

We very much hope that you will take the time to respond to this request. We especially welcome and appreciate critical comments and requests for more information because this will help us to refine and improve our initiative.

We also hope that you might consider becoming a coalition partner for our initiative.

We look forward very much to hearing from you.

Yours sincerely,

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